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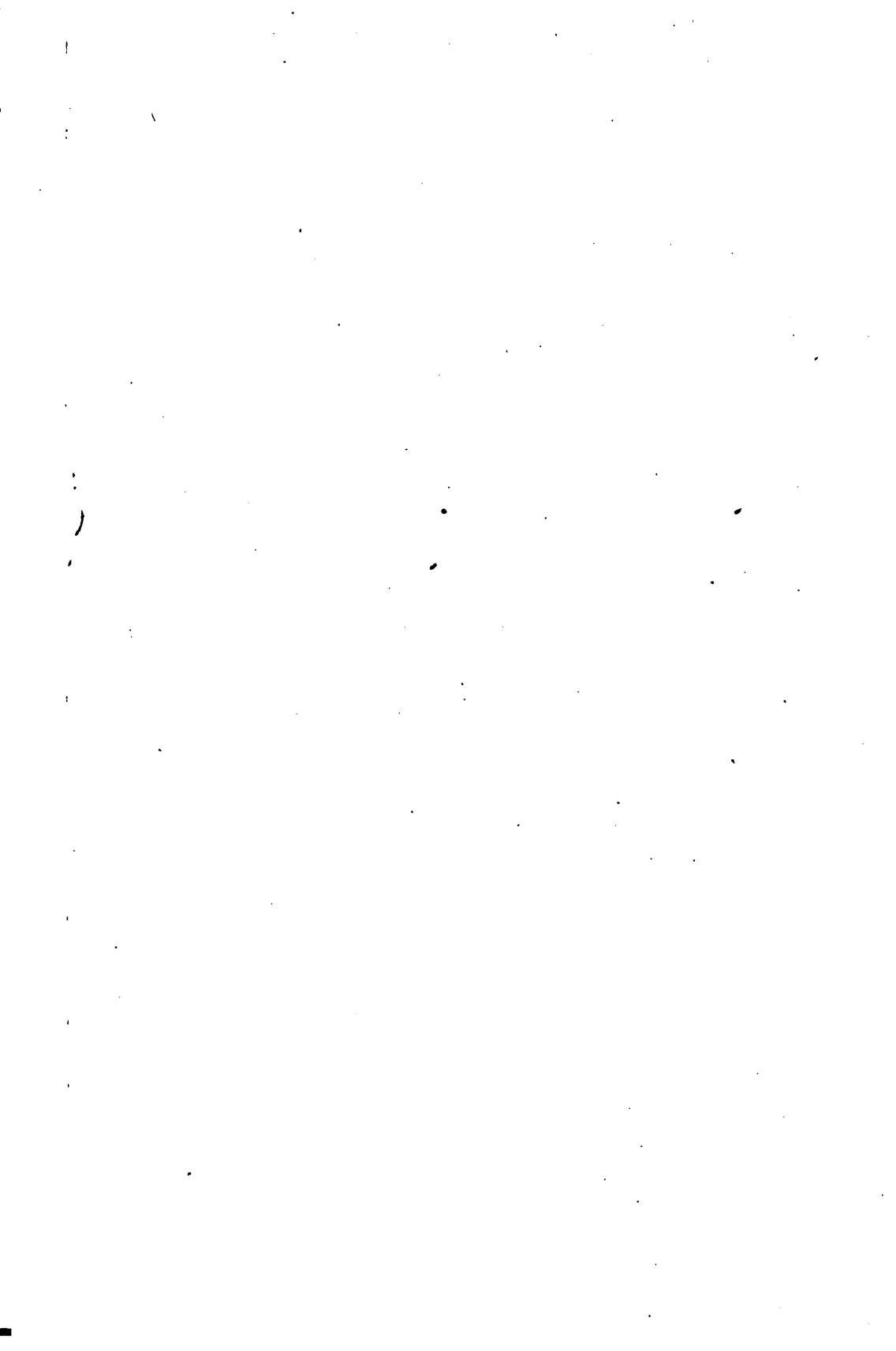


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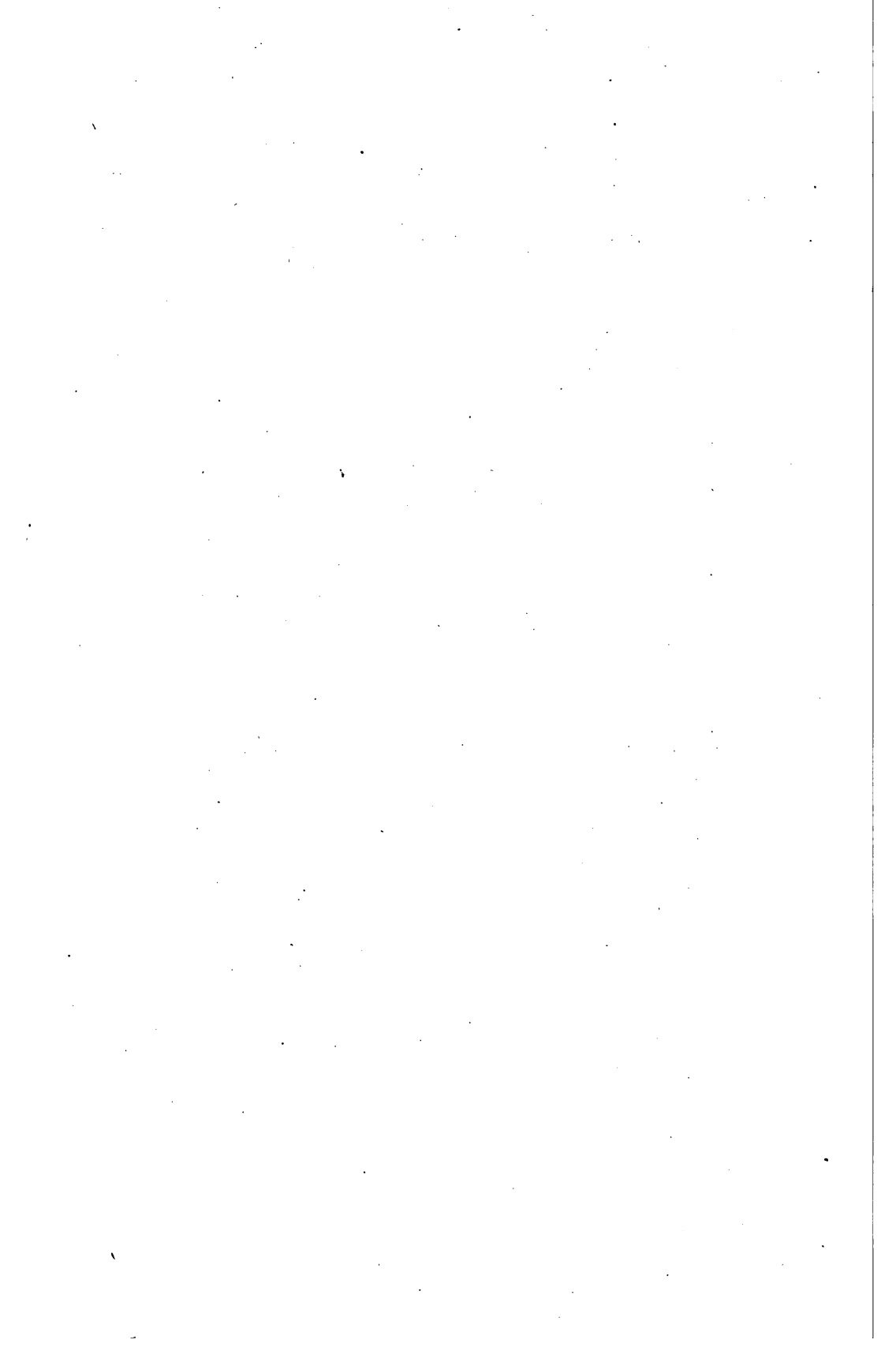
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## PREFACE

THIS history is written that the story of a worthy enterprise might be perpetuated to the years ahead and the generations following.

The doubters are always many; the hopeful, courageous, energetic, few. These have triumphed. More than once the downfall of the Fair has been predicted. They "guessed" the last Fair had been held. But it arose and went on. The form of government and management had peril in it; a combination of evil influences, or of selfish plans could ruin it. These have not come. Let us ascribe it to the guiding hand of an over-ruling Providence.

The world must be fed. The soil, these farms will be tilled to the end of time. Everything that can cheer, enliven, glorify farming, should be done. It is the best occupation, all things considered, on earth. If the toiler can be led to see it so, then there is an immense gain in his happiness. And Fairs, meetings of farmers, must be kept up, made interesting, enlivened. The farmers must not all be tenants and slaves. He shall have his good times. And this book, narrating the life of the previous generation, shall inspire the present and future ones.

The Society has kept itself from racing, gambling, liquor, for fifty years. The pressure has sometimes been great. Had they yielded, this story, written by this writer, would never have been.

W. L. THACHER.

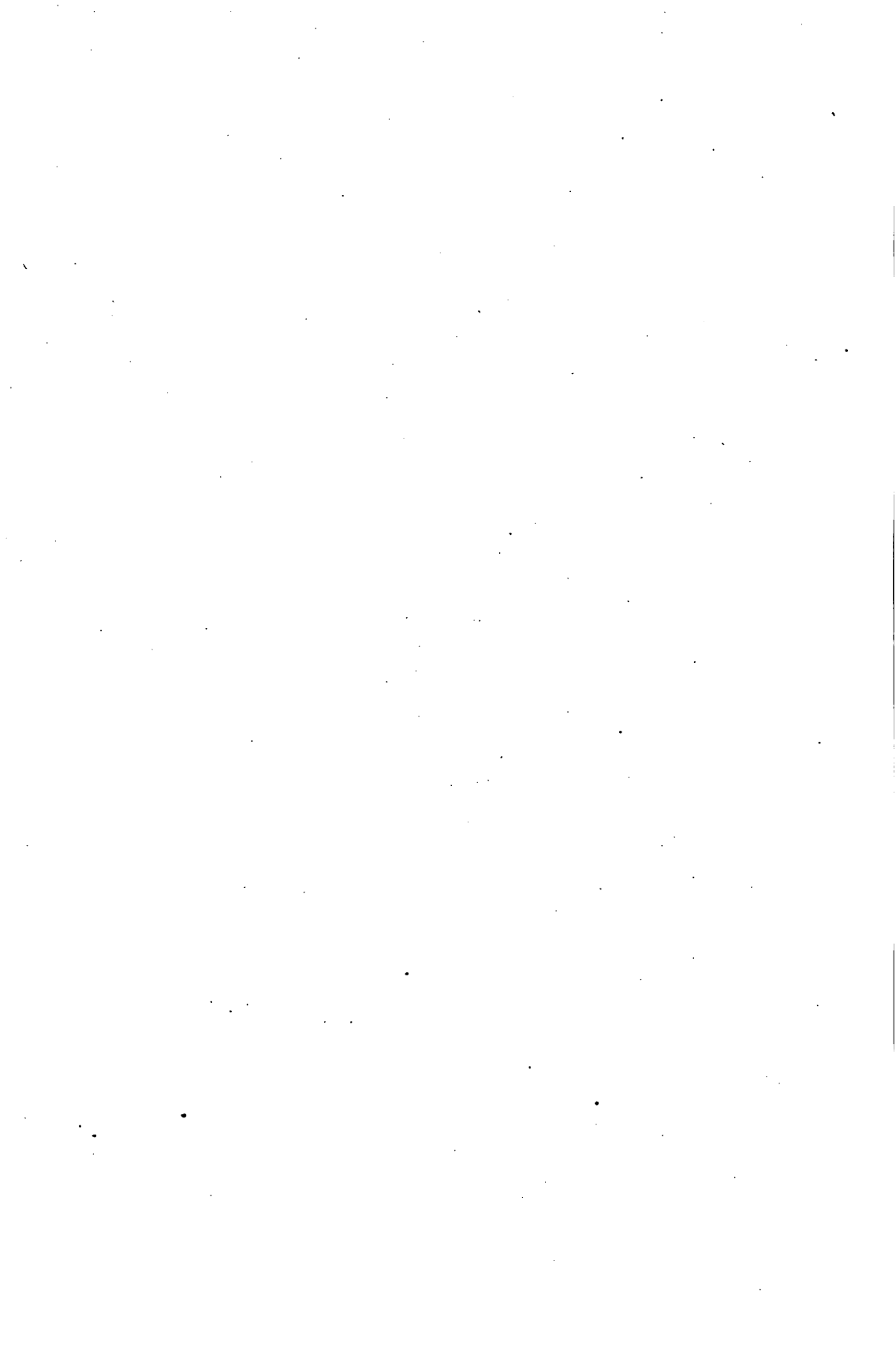
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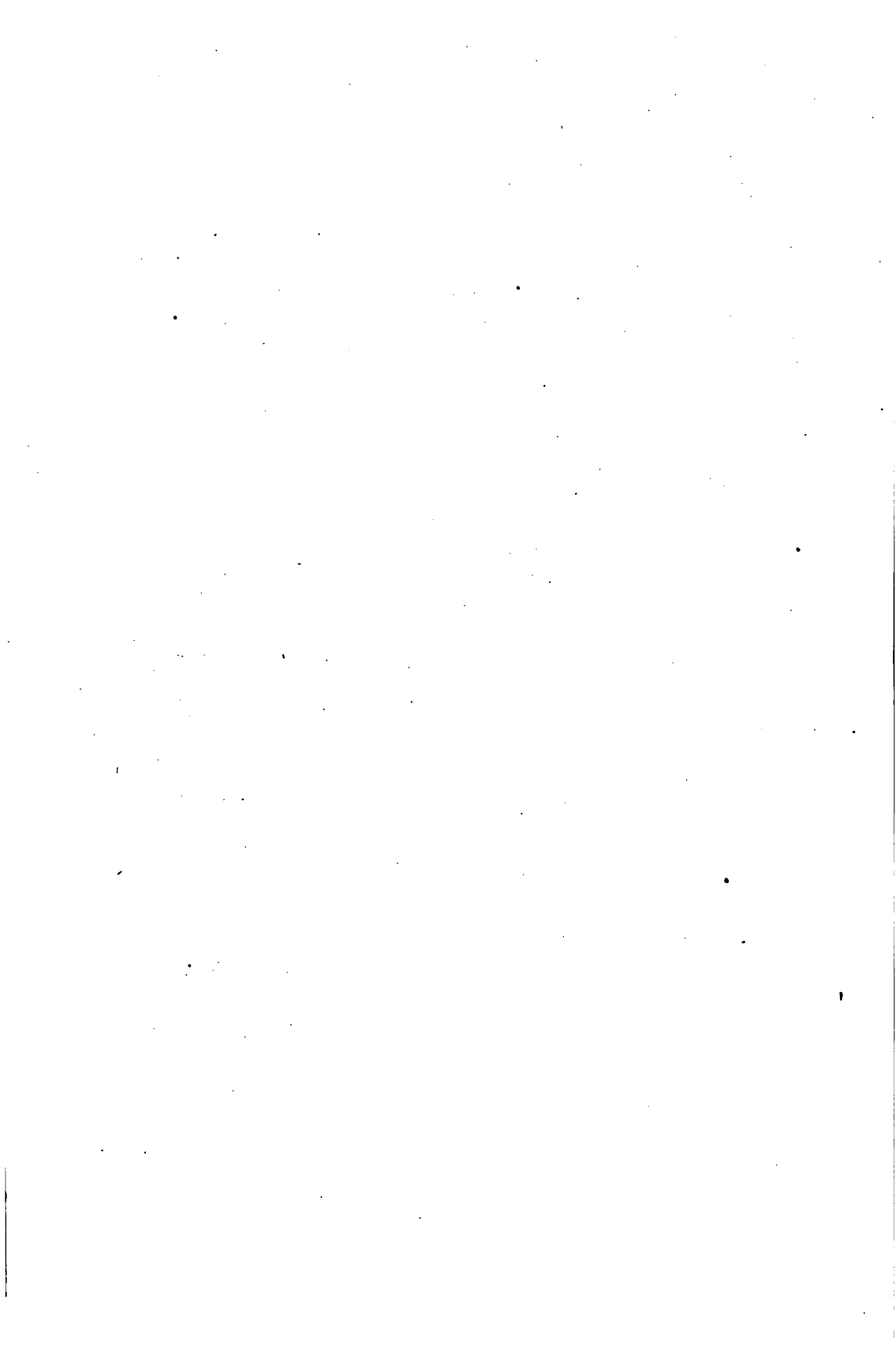
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## CHAPTER I

### NINE PARTNERS AND PIONEERS

THE character of the men who settled Harford was not a matter of chance. The Nine Partners, and indeed all who came into this wilderness for ten years (1790-1800), were dwellers in Eastern Massachusetts, in Attleborough, in a parish strongly Puritan. They brought its distinguishing features with them. So late as 1835, it was said, "No village in N. E. Pennsylvania so much resembles New England in the Puritan element as Harford."

'The school and church followed them. So early as 1794 there was a room in Dea. John Tyler's house with fourteen pupils, all under 16 years of age, with John Tyler, Jr., teacher. A church was organized in 1800. A building for worship erected in 1806. A public library formed in 1807. The Columbian school house was built in 1809, near the east end of the purchase; the "West End" school a little later. And a classical school was taught by Lyman Richardson in the "Center" school house, just erected, in 1817. This was the beginning of Franklin Academy. There was good reason for the remark of a cultured lady who came back to Harford, after years of absence: "Harford people know more than other folks."

It was the Puritan element, the Church, the School; but especially the first, that saved the Harford Fair from the vice of the races. Yet we will not arrogate to ourselves superior virtue. Our sister Fair at Montrose, older than we, has never countenanced horse-racing.

The Nine purchased of Drinker, through his agent, Cooper, a tract four miles long and one mile wide. Or 2560 acres. Date, May 22, 1790. Price, \$1.33 per acre. Hosea Tiffany, Moses Thacher, Ezekiel Titus, Samuel Thacher, John Carpenter, Daniel Carpenter, Josiah Carpenter, Robert Follet returned in the fall to divide the land. Caleb Richardson, Sr., had retired from the company.



"They agreed upon the following method: To run a center line lengthways (Plate I), which would be 160 rods from the exterior lines; then beginning at the northeast end, going upon the center line 150 rods would make two lots of 150 acres each, and to proceed in this manner until they had sixteen lots, eight on each side of the center line, and what land was left at the southwest end of the purchase to remain as public property to the company. Then to apportion each man's share, agreed to make sixteen paper tickets to represent and designate the sixteen lots, and each man draw for himself his two lots; then upon going upon and viewing the land in the fall, to make his choice of one of the lots he had drawn; then for adjusting the remaining eight lots, agreed that he who in the candid judgment of the company had the poorest lot of the eight already chosen, should have his choice of the eight remaining lots, and to proceed in this way until the whole was disposed of; which was happily done to general satisfaction." The tract was laid N. E. because the creeks ran south.

3. John Carpenter
4. Samuel Thacher
7. Daniel Carpenter (probably)
9. Ezekiel Titus
10. Daniel Carpenter
11. Robert Follet
12. Hosea Tiffany
13. Robert Follet
14. John Carpenter
15. Moses Thacher
16. Moses Thacher (probably).

In 1804 the upper range had become (Torrey's map) Follet, Blanding, Carpenter, Thacher, Tyler, Tyler, Sweet, O. Carpenter, Capron. The lower range (returning), Tiffany, Carpenter, Titus, Sweet, Sweet, Tiffany, Follet, Sweet, Thacher, Thacher, Blanding.

- (a) Blanding Lake
- (b) Tingley Lake

- (c) Tyler Lake
- (d) Pulk
- (e) Nine Partners' Spring
- (f) Nine Partners' Creek
- (g) Branch of Tunkhannock
- (h) Butler Creek
- (i) Martin's Creek
- (j) East Martin's Creek.

- (A) Alford.
- (B) Kingsley.
- (C) Oakley.
- (D) Harford Village.

February 2, 1792, Hosea Tiffany, wife, and children Hosea, Amos, Nancy; and Robert Follet, wife, and child Lucy, left Attleborough with ox-teams, sleds, cows, etc., and arrived here the first week in March. Hosea's cabin stood on the site of the Congregational Church. Robert's cabin was in B. D. Sherwood's orchard, near an old well, on the "Center" road. His frame house was near. In the spring of 1794 John Carpenter and family, Samuel Thacher and family. The former's cabin was near the deserted home of D. E. Whitney. His frame house was on the site of Harry Van Buskirk's home. The latter's cabin stood across the road from the entrance to the Fair Ground. His frame house was torn down by Fowler Peck. The fall of 1795 brought Ezekiel Titus and family. His cabin stood on the lower side of the road, nearly opposite the old Franklin Academy. His frame house, still standing, near the center line. Moses Thacher came in 1799. Caleb Richardson, Jr., and family, one of whom was Lyman, came in 1806. His father, Caleb Richardson, Sr., Nine Partner, and wife, in 1808. Taking up land that was afterwards occupied by Franklin Academy, and outside the purchase. His frame house was near the bluff. Burned in 1829. Daniel and Josiah Carpenter never settled here. The former remained in Attleborough. The latter's final home has never been learned.

In the spring of 1794 came Laban Capron and family. Also

his father, Dr. Comfort Capron, a surgeon in the Revolutionary War, whose ancient tombstone, marked "June 2, 1800," stands near the cemetery entrance. Laban and Orlen purchased the northwest half of the common domain (S. W. end of tract). Laban's log house was across the creek, opposite the forks of the road. His frame house, nearby, was the property of Lucretia Tiffany. Still standing. The same spring, 1794, came Thomas Sweet. He purchased a part of lot 14. A part of the present residence of Alick Leslie was built by him.

John Tyler and family came in the fall of 1794. He bought lots 5 and 6 entire. Also 588 acres, adjoining John Carpenter, northwest. For the 888 acres he paid £564, cash down (\$752). His log cabin was near the spring, up the hill, rear of B. F. Hine's residence. A road, passing near the Pulk came over the hill in the depression between the two hills, and passed his cabin. A portion of the "Center" road. His frame house was the first in Harford, built 1797, and occupying the site, nearly, of E. E. Jones's mansion.

Thomas Tiffany, brother of Hosea, brought a large family, fall of 1794. Bought the S. E. half of the common domain. Owned the Beaver Meadow and historic Nine Partners' Spring. His log house was beyond Alonzo Tiffany's, lower side of road leading to H. D. Tingley's. His frame house was above the road. Lilacs mark the spot. Joseph Blanding, 1794, purchased in lots 1, 2, 16; his log house standing (probably) near his after-built frame house, across road from Mrs. Wm. T. Gillespie's.

In the fall of 1795 came Amos Sweet and family. Occupied the cabin built by the "Nine," fall of 1790. It stood on a shelf of land about 20 rods below the culvert, Farrar Hill road. An aged pear tree is near. The old road was in front and below; a blacksmith shop on the other side. Ezra Carpenter located on East Hill (17); and Elkanah Tingley on land adjoining the Nine Partner tract (18). His descendants have erected a log cabin on the original site; an example to be imitated by others. The residence of H. D. Tingley was built by Elkanah. Obadiah Carpenter and sons Obadiah and Elias came next. The first son purchased lot 8, the second a portion of 9. Their cabin was near the spring that supplies the water-

trough below the Wilmarths. But Obadiah's afterwards stood near the top of the hill; beyond Wilmarths, about 12 rods north of the road. The well has been filled up. Obadiah's frame house stood in front of Walter Wilmarth's mansion. Elias's stood on the present location. Burned in 1829 and rebuilt.

Warren Follet (1795), purchased a portion of lot 1; and on land just outside the tract, N. E., built his log house, west side of the road, about 20 rods below Thomas Gillespie's home (19). His frame house was on the site of Thomas's residence. A portion of the land is still in the family.—Jotham Oakley (1795) took up land just S. W. of the tract and built a block house, near the present Millbourn Oakley homestead (20). This house was built by Jotham. Some of the land is still in the family.—Moses, John, and Obadiah Thacher (1799). The first, a Nine Partner returned. Next to Hosea Tiffany he was influential in the company. He built a log house opposite the old Charles Forsyth home (21), very near the well. An excellent spring is here. This was occupied by himself and families. Here the children Daniel and Rebekah saw a pig captured by a bear, one Sabbath; and shot by their father John after he came home. Moses afterwards built a frame house, only recently torn down. The cellar is visible. Not far from the Shepherd Carpenter home (22), and John remained. Obadiah and son Stephen possessed portions of lots 15 and 16, the log house of the father standing near a valuable spring in D. Van Buskirk's pasture, about 30 rods south of W. L. Thacher's home. The cellar is visible. Stephen built a frame house on the site of the Van Buskirk residence. Mary Thacher, sister of Samuel, had a cabin a few rods from his, in lot 5. Nathan Maxon settled (1800) on the Almon Tingley farm (23). Stephen Harding (1800) bought an improvement of Hallstead in S. Harford (24). His cabin was a few rods S. of E. C. Harding's home, on the opposite side of the road. His frame house is still standing. William Coonrod (Conrad), a Hessian, who was brought over to America by the British to fight the colonies, lived on Van Winkle creek (25).

Abel Read, Sr., was early in the settlement. On his farm

(26) in 1803. Erected a large house. Torn down. Replaced by William G. Smith's residence. Noah Fuler (1804) had located above Kingsley, building the old house in the lot not far from the late Emerson Capron's residence (27). Nathaniel Claflin built the Manly Blackington home (28), torn down and replaced by the residence of Clarence Brainard. Thos. Wilmarth and Jacob Blake came with Titus. These three men cleared the land whereon Franklin Academy stood. It is probable that Titus's cabin, close by, stood on his own lot 9 very near the S. E. line of the tract. In 1819 he built the homstead near the center line, yet occupied by the family. Wilmarth purchased in the S. W. of Harford (1804). The present home of Warner H. Wilmarth was the old homstead site (29). Blake's residence was afterwards the home of the late James Rogers, two miles below the Village (30). It was at one time an election house. Still standing. Eliab Farrar was here in 1794, but not to settle. Intended to chop in the clearings, but a felon prevented, and the time was spent in three trips to Wilkes-Barre (40 miles) for his neighbors, carrying  $1\frac{1}{2}$  bushels corn to be ground, each time. At one time, after looking for a lost cow, the wolves kept him in a tree all night. This was not far from the Academy grounds. In 1804 he was in Kentuck. Removed to Harford about 1817 and bought the Sturdevant place; ever after known as Farrar place and Farrar Hill. In lot 11. Freeman Peck came from Litchfield, Conn., 1806, buying a portion of Harry Estabrook's farm. He had a blacksmith shop. In lot 10. John Tyler, Jr., had a frame house on the large 588 acre tract. The stone house built by E. S. Jackson occupies the site. Rufus Kingsley (1809) settled in the locality named from him; was a Revolutionary hero, entering the army as drummer when thirteen years old. Was at Bunker Hill. His old home still standing. Rev. Ebenezer Kingsbury (1810) had his log house in the valley (31) above Van Buskirk place. Joshua K. Adams (1811), a cabinet maker, undertaker, had his shop across the road from his father-in-law, Hosea Tiffany, whose frame house stood on the site of the late Frank Carpenter's residence, Village. This shop burned, and he moved to the Alfred Barnard farm, lot 10, and had a shop and machinery

run by water from the Pulk. Ira Stearns occupied the farm of Melvin Tingley (32). Later he purchased of David Lyon (33).

John Gilbert (1812) was from Brookfield, Mass. (34). His frame house has been remodeled. The home of Leroy Taft. Austin Jones (1812), from Andover, Tolland Co., Conn. Settled on East Hill, 1825, purchasing the property of Stephen Thacher, lot 15, who had been instantly killed, 1823, by a heavy log. Austin built the pleasant home, now D. Van Bushkirk's, 1832. Dr. Streeter (1812) occupied a house about 100 rods above the present home, on top of the hill. The present residence was built in 1825. In lot 13, Village.

Thurston Lewis, Sr. (1813), from New London, Conn., taking up land in East Harford (35). His frame house still standing. Asa Very (1814), Danville, Vt., settled in N. Harford (36). The frame house was erected by his son. Zerah. Gurdon Darrow (1815), built a log house on the Laban farm, New Milford. One year later, settled in Harford, his frame house standing about 12 rods from the residence of his son Austin (37). Chas. Payne lived on the "State Road." It passed through Waldron's (Sweetser's) pasture and Thacher's woods. The cellar is visible. Lot 12. Peter Williams (1818), from New Haven occupied several farms, locating near Tingley Lake in 1850 (38). The house, still standing, was erected by John Carpenter, Jr. Major Hammond, Cheshire Co., N. H., came to his farm (1819). It is just out of the township (39). He lived on it till his death, 1889, aged 95. John, Wells, Dexter Stanley, and Jason Wiswell (1820) resided in N. Harford. The place was known as Stanleytown (40).

Samuel Guile (1820) purchased the farm afterwards owned by B. F. Hine (41). Aaron Thayer (1820), Medway, Mass., located in S. Harford (42). James Greenwood (1820), Hubbardston, Mass. Located in lot 16. His brother Aaron adjoined him. Afterwards owned by Gurdon Barnard. The N. E. corner of the tract was a corner of James's land. The original buildings on both farms have disappeared. Amos Tiffany (1821) erected the hotel in south part of Village.



Lot 12. Nathaniel Jeffers (1822), a Revolutionary soldier, came with son Sebra. They purchased land inside and outside the tract, S. W. Occupied the Orlen Capron homestead, now gone. Thos. Tingley (1823) purchased the farm afterwards owned by Peter Williams (38). The family (12 children), all living in Attleborough, started March 1, and arrived here March 18. Joseph Peck (1824), Windham Co., Conn., came first into Gibson. His home was on the old road which ran on the ridge from the Village, west of the present creek road. This creek road (Philadelphia and Great Bend turnpike) had a toll-house, kept by him. Members of the family ran down the hill to the toll-house to collect. His son Collins's residence is near (43). Francis Richardson, Jr., and brother Richard began clearing near the subsequent home of Richard (44). The log cabin was up in the orchard. The whole family joined them in 1824. For one year all the many children lived in the log house, size 12 by 12. Jonas and James Adams (1825). Their farms now possessed by their sons Sumner J. and Andrew J. are a half-mile east of Kingsley (45). The home of the family is Ashburnham, Mass. Eldad Loomis (1825), located just outside the tract, S. W. The old red house is still standing (46). Clark Sterry Tanner possessed land south of Austin Darrow (47). The old home is in the rear of present house. About 1830 Abel Rice, Sr., came from Hubbardston, Mass. But he was in Harford, 1826, owning property. Erected the present home of W. L. Thacher in 1834. Lot 15. Joel Hotchkiss (1830), Prospect, Conn. Purchased a portion of the large tract of John Tyler, Jr. (48). The widow of his youngest son, James G., still possesses the homestead.

Thus have we briefly traced the location of the pioneers for forty years, 1790 to 1830.

Harford was Tioga township, Luzerne Co., till 1795. Then Nicholson township until January, 1808. The court granted the petition of our people, naming the township (nearly in size as now) Harford. From Hartford, Conn., by Hosea Tiffany. That name was pronounced without the (t) in their times. Laban Capron suggested that it be left out; which was done.

But to this day, much mail reaches this place, addressed "Hartford," and the name is often confounded with similar names elsewhere.

From 1790 to 1808, "Nine Partners" was the common, though not the official name. Susquehanna County was not formed until 1812.

A blacksmith shop sprang into being in 1795. By Amos Sweet. It was across the road from his log cabin, half-way up Farrar Hill, the old road.—A grist mill, by Hallstead, 1796, at Harding's.—A saw mill in 1800, by Hosea Tiffany and Robert Follet. It was in the gully, east of the Village cemetery; long years after, the site of W. B. Guile's tannery.—A fulling mill, 1810, by Rufus Kingsley, near the culvert of the D., L. & W.—A carding machine by Elkanah Tingley, below Oakley.—The Sturdevants, tanners, had vats in the open air, 1810, near the stone quarry, Farrar Hill.—Gaius Moss was a tanner in the Village, 1820. In 1841 S. B. Guile owned the business. In his son's hands (W. B. Guile) it became the largest manufactory in Harford.—A mill pond was formed in the Village at the junction of the streams from Tyler and Tingley Lakes, and a grist mill erected on the site of the present one, 1820. Cyril Carpenter, first miller. The present one (Maynard's) was built by Freeman Peck in 1842. A distillery near Alick Leslie's, 1812. Before 1823 there was one on Samuel Guile and Austin Jones's farm. This was to consume 10 bushels of grain per day.—About 1823 Saxa Seymour had one in the Village. The present home of Mrs. S. B. Osborn is the building.—A carding and fulling mill, below the bridge, foot of Jones's hill, in the large bend of the creek.—Also one below Hosea Tiffany's saw mill.—P. Carpenter and the Sibleys had a woolen factory in the Village. It was still going in 1870.

In 1815 came Harding's saw mill. Large business. Running in 1890.—Later, Daniel Oakley built one on Martin's creek. This also was large. And yet busy.—A saw mill, owned by Calvin Hotchkiss, below the bridge, foot of hill, Leach place.—Before 1840 Zerah Very had one in N. Harford.—Another stood near the lower bridge, Leslie's. The

stone wheel-pit is standing.—One at the outlet of Tingley Lake.—One on Butler Creek, owned by Peter Thacher; wall yet standing near Emerson Thacher's. It was burned by Sarah Fisher.—And about 1830 Richardsons' Mills were erected by Lee and Coy, on East Martin Creek below the Three Lakes. A varied and prosperous industry. The mills are gone; the name remains.—In 1847 Nathan Hawley put up a saw mill, just below the Village. The walls are partly standing.—In 1852 Ira Stearns, on lands of Laban Capron.

The first mercantile business was by John Seymour, 1809. Whiting Griswold was selling goods (1812) in the house, later occupied by Tingley Tiffany, Village, now demolished. Near Rev. York.—It was Tyler, Carpenter & Co., in 1817. Saxa Seymour took Carpenter's place in 1820. But was in Harford in 1817. In 1825 it was Tyler, Boyd & Co.—Just before 1830 Saxa erected his store; corner; still standing (H. E. Miller). He carried on business alone from 1840 to 1855. In 1856 it was S. B. Guile & Co. Then Guile & Blanding, 1857. Then H. G. Blanding & Co., 1858.

In 1830 Samuel Ely Kingsbury had a store in the old meeting-house. It had been moved across the road. Yet standing. (D. M. Farrar home).—Tuttle & Fuller were merchants on the Dr. Blakeslee building site, before 1840. Later the place was Lake & Eaton. Afterwards Carpenter & Sibley. Then P. Carpenter till 1860. The building merged into "Central Hotel." William Gow, 'Than Cross, John Lockard, P. Carpenter, successive landlords.

In 1833 Payson Kingsbury was in Ely's place. Aaron Greenwood joined him in 1840. They occupied "Granger Hall" just erected by Aaron. Here was G. G. Pride from 1846 to '49. Then Eaton & Peck. Next, Very & Johnston. Then B. F. & R. H. Eaton till 1860.

Zerah Very & C. S. Johnston were opposite Saxa Seymour, corner, in the hotel building. (Formerly Belknap's tavern). Merchants from about 1852 to 1855. Mr. Very was alone from 1855 to 1865.—In 1855 Johnston built the store now occupied by James A. Williams. The firm was Johnston, Edwards & Co. Later it was Johnston till 1865. Followed

by Jones, Babcock & Tanner.—In 1860 E. T. Tiffany began; and built his store on the site of the Scale Works in 1866.

Horatio Briggs was a blacksmith in 1830. His shop was near the "Robbins' Nest." Later, Walter Follet occupied it.—In 1840 Richard Hotchkiss built a wagon shop on the edge of the mill pond, Village. Years after, it was Tallman's blacksmith shop. Destroyed by fire.—Before this, Joel S. Tingley had built a blacksmith shop; the present wagon shop of W. H. Shannon. Freeman Peck, was with him, later; and finally Nathan S. Guild followed.—The adjoining shop was occupied by John A. Smyth for years. Blacksmithing is still carried on here by Eugene Lewis.

Ichabod Seaver (1840) had a small shoe shop near the home of Mrs. Julia Estabrook. A chair factory on East Hill, 1840, by Jones and Abel Rice. Subsequently in the Village, under A. Willard Greenwood.

In 1855 Oliver Payne erected a tin shop. In 1856 the Scale factory began the construction of Smyth's scales. The enterprise came to a close before 1860.—Guile & Miller were at the grist mill in 1854.—Abner Stanton was harness-maker till 1857. Then T. J. Carr. Amasa Chase and Russel R. Thacher were shoemakers, 1855 to 1865. Shop on the corner. John Buck, Chas. Payne, John S. Adams, were also here at various times.

A Post Office was established at Gibson in 1811. In 1813 Laban Capron was postmaster, two miles west of the Village. Saxa Seymour appointed, 1825; bringing the office to the Village. Geo. G. Pride, 1850. Benj. F. Eaton, 1852. Levi R. Peck, 1852. Geo. W. Seymour, 1853. Silas B. Guile, 1857.

The soldiers of 1812: Darius Tingley, Jotham Oakley, Eliphalet Ellsworth, Lewis Tiffany, Dalton Tiffany, Tingley Tiffany, Gurdon Darrow, Ezra Sturdevant, Nathan Forsyth, Stephen Harding, Amasa Harding, Nathan P. Thacher, Samuel Guile, Sebra Jeffers, James Adams.

Rev. Ebenezer Kingsbury became pastor of the Congregational Church in 1810. Rev. Adam Miller in 1828. Pastorate continued till his death, 1881. Wm. Round was pastor of the M. E. Church in 1843. Revs. Miller, Blakeslee, Hersey,

Wilcox, Davidson, Olmstead, Shelp, Thomas, R. Ingalls, Weiss, Peck, Worrell, Westfall, are among the names, down to 1861. Dr. Joseph B. Streeter began practice in 1812. Dr. Clark Dickerman in 1832, dying in 1853. Dr. Alonzo Tiffany, Dr. C. C. Edwards, later.

The opening of the Newburgh turnpike, 1811, which passed through the N. E. corner of Harford, was a great event in our history. In 1821 the Philadelphia and Great Bend turnpike passed through, and settled the location of the Village. The impetus given to business and future hopes was great.—In 1848 the Erie Railway was completed to Great Bend. The jump from 25 miles a day over the old Newburgh, to 25 miles an hour seemed like a dream. Said Major Hammond, "Butter had begun to be an industry. I carried all the make in this section to Great Bend, once a week. It brought but 10 cents, but that was cash. The amount of checks, each week was \$700. I carried \$100,000 worth butter to the Erie." In 1852 the D., L. & W., having a station, now Alford, this carrying of freight was reduced to half the distance.

The Congregational Church was raised in 1822 and finished in 1827. It was a large undertaking for the day. The M. E. Church was erected in 1844.—The Congregational Church remodeled in 1851.

The only industries of the first settlers that brought cash were maple sugar and cattle. Twenty years after life began in these woods a yoke of oxen would bring \$80 to \$100. But they must be driven to the Delaware River, for sale. John and Obadiah Carpenter (1802) took a drove of cattle to Philadelphia. John and Job Tyler (1804) a drove. Sheep and hogs were also driven. Orange Co., N. Y., was also a market for these. Men came back with stockings full of gold and silver. Here at home was neither market nor money. Good butter and cheese, but no sale. The assessment of 1825 shows very few cows. If products were transported, the cost doubled the price. Trade could only be barter. A thousand pounds of maple sugar were made by many a pioneer, each season. If carried far into inhabited districts it might bring 8 cents, cash. So late as 1842, James C. Bushnell, Ararat's

historian, sold it along the Susquehanna river above Tunkhannock; 10 lbs. for a bushel of wheat, 5 lbs. for a bushel of corn, 10 cents a pound for store trade; but not a dollar in money. One thousand pounds of beautiful sugar!

Obadiah Carpenter would take a wagon load of produce to Newburgh, N. Y. Included home-made flannel. Bring back the family trading, and goods for merchants here. Gone a week. Salt had to be obtained from Albany. It was \$8 a barrel.

Spinning at home was wool, flax, tow. Weaving flannel for 10 cents a yard; full-cloth, 12 cents; stocking yarn, 6 cents a knot.—Cordwood 50 cents. Corn and Rye 50 cents. Whisky 40 cents a gallon. Beef 3 cents. Tea \$1.25 a pound. Cotton cloth as high as woolen. Calico as high as silk.

John Carpenter did not pay for his Nine Partner purchase until his boys were old enough to shoulder the burden. And yet 300 acres of Drinker's land cost him but \$400. But there was the interest at 6 per cent., all the years! Thos. Tiffany still owed for his land in 1822. Dalton Tiffany struggled with debt and triumphed. Asa Carpenter, likewise. And others. • The price of land in 1790 was \$1.33; in 1822, \$2.75; in 1846, \$15.

In 1819 there were seven young men preparing for the ministry. Twenty-five teachers, nine of whom were young women. In 1821 a Ladies' Benevolent Society was organized that continued thirty years. Philena and Hannah Thacher became missionaries to the Choctaw Indians in Georgia in 1821 and 1823.

In 1829 a Temperance Society was formed, with fourteen members; the first in this section of the State. Hardly one of them could have been persuaded to take such a step one year before. A Ladies' Temperance Society, also. One of their resolutions was: "Not to associate with young men who are in the habit of drinking spirits."

In 1830 the distillery of Tyler, Seymour & Co., went out of business. They were making 2000 gallons a year. There was no market for corn; there was for whisky. "Cheap grain, cheap wood, cheap labor, made cheap whisky; and cheap



whisky was fast converting the older people into toppers, and the rising generation into drunkards." Joab Tyler bought out Seymour, and then closed the business. It was a question of conscience and duty. The other distilleries also disappeared. The growth of temperance sentiment was rapid. In 1835 the three societies had 312 names; 86 added the previous year. All honor to Rev. Adam Miller.

In 1830 Preston Richardson, A. M., had resumed the classical school of his brother Lyman. It became Franklin Academy. In 1840 Rev. Lyman Richardson became principal.

In 1848 his son, Rev. Willard Richardson, was with him. In 1855 the school was at its height; a power in N. E. Pennsylvania. Closed in 1865. More than 2000 students are on the roll.

In 1840 the township celebrated its semi-centennial. In a grove near Franklin Academy.

In 1858, besides the many common schools in the township, and Franklin Academy, there was a Select school taught by Cynthia Tiffany. Another by Melissa J. Guile (Wilson), 1854 to 1856. Later by Mary Miller. These were very effective. Says Stocker, the historian, "Harford had a good Academy and good private schools."

Thus have we very briefly outlined the history of Harford down to the birth of the Harford Agricultural Society. The time was ripe for the venture.

Landmarks.—The old frame houses mentioned were built on the Attleborough plan; two stories, narrow eaves. Some had cornices. The old Tyler house and the Center school house are yet standing in the Village. The latter, erected in 1817, was the classical school of Rev. Lyman Richardson. A portion of the foundation, near the tall elm, marks a later site. Remodeled several times, it is believed that some of the original is still a part. It has witnessed many gatherings of citizens, political and otherwise. The meetings that begun, carried on, the building of the Congregational Church (1821) were here. The birthplace of the Harford Agricultural Society. A notable gathering in April, 1861, following the fall of Sumter. Without regard to party our people as-

sembled. The speeches were earnest; the intention to uphold the old Flag unanimous. The building ceased public use in 1867; was purchased by W. H. Patterson; moved still farther back. Precious landmark. The writer counts it an honor to have attended school here, many times; and later as teacher.

The Columbian school house (1809) is still a part of the Van Buskirk home. A famous corner in the center line is yet undisturbed. Near the barn of the Dr. Streeter place, Village. Here Robert Follet, Samuel Thacher, Hosea Tiffany, John Tyler, met and cornered.

Parts of the lines bounding the old tract can yet be found. The road from Bird Sherwood's to the Van Buskirk home is on the center line. The N. W. corner of the Fair Grounds is on an outside line. It can be seen running down the hill, S. W.

Landscapes.—The writer loves this Harford, and cannot refrain from mention of some of its points of interest and beautiful views. Our pioneers opened these hills and valleys to sunshine and civilization. Their lives, their toil, their joys, their sorrows, are now a part of the memory of each farm and locality. Generations to come must live over again these things, work these acres, spend here their lives also. Let us put a halo of glory on each hill and slope.

(1) The valley that separates East Hill from Gibson is long, deep, wide. A giant must have plowed down, then back.

(2) The view of East Hill from the Fair Ground, east, is very fine. Plate IV.

(3) Standing in the road above Tingley Lake. "Old Elk" towers grandly.

(4) Down the road from Franklin Academy, going south. The deep valley eastward, dominated by Elk Mountain.

(5) Harford's three lakes, Tyler, Tingley, Blanding, are pleasant sheets of water. Tingley has a fine border of woods on its east shore. Blanding is nearly circular. The view eastward from the farm house is one of the finest in the township.

(6) On the hill, in the road, beyond W. W. Wilmarth's. The huge circle of the horizon; the distant mountains, so blue!

(7) Point of hill, road leading to Edrick M. Tingley's.  
The sheet of water,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles distant, south. School house.  
Range of mountains far south. A beautiful view.

Dear home township! Dear Harford!

## CHAPTER II

### ORGANIZATION—MEMBERS—TWO FAIRS

October 21, 1858. Agreeable to a notice given, many of the citizens of Harford assembled at the Center school house in Harford Village for the purpose of considering the propriety of forming an Agricultural Society.

Arta Sweet was chosen chairman and Penuel Carpenter, secretary.

After considering the subject properly, the Chair was requested to appoint a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws for the organization of the society. Committee: A. Carpenter, Fowler Peck, L. R. Peck, Millbourn Oakley, D. E. Whitney, P. Carpenter, John Blanding, Wm. C. Tiffany.

Meeting adjourned to October 25, same place.

(Professor Hine says this meeting was directly caused by a very successful Fair in Gibson, Kennedy's Hill, October 18. Judge Burrows a leading spirit. That Fairs had been held in Jackson in 1857 and '58.—See "Blackman's Susq. Co. History," p. 509.

October 25. Citizens again assembled. Chairman not being present, Amasa Chase was chosen; with P. Carpenter, secretary.

Committee reported the following constitution which was read by their chairman, John Blanding.

#### CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Society shall be known as the Harford Agricultural and Mechanical Association.

Article 2. The object of this society shall be to promote and encourage the best interests of agriculture and the mechanic arts.

Article 3. The officers of this society shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of three.

Article 4. This society shall hold an annual meeting for

the purpose of choosing officers and transacting business on the second Monday in January in each year.

Article 5. Any person may become a member of this society by subscribing to this constitution and paying the sum of fifty cents, and such membership shall continue as long as the said sum of fifty cents is paid annually.

Article 6. The funds received by the treasurer shall be appropriated to the payment of the contingent expenses of the society and premiums; but no premiums except discretionary premiums to be awarded to any person not a member of the society.

Article 7. This society shall hold an annual Fair or exhibition at such time and place as shall be fixed by the Executive Committee, and it shall be the duty of said committee to make all necessary arrangements for said Fair.

This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting.

Resolution offered by J. Blanding, and accepted.

Resolved, That by paying fifty cents at least ten days before the annual Fair of 1859, and subscribing to this constitution, any person shall be entitled to membership.

#### BY-LAWS

1. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to make a report at each annual meeting of the society of the funds received, paid out, and on hand.

2. No money shall be paid out except on orders drawn by the Executive Committee, and all funds remaining in his hands shall be paid over to his successor in office.

The whole was read and adopted.

The following officers were elected to serve until the first annual meeting: President, John Blanding; Vice President, Millbourn Oakley; Secretary, Amasa B. Tucker; Treasurer, Tingley Tiffany; Executive Committee, L. R. Peck, Fowler Peck, D. E. Whitney.

The following persons entered their names as members:

Asa M. Hammond.—Born 1830.—Son of Major Asa Ham-

mond.—Farmer in N. Harford.—Member of Baptist Church, and later, of the Harford Congregational Church.—Deacon.—A man of unblemished reputation.—Supervisor of the township.—Died 1907.

Silas B. Guile.—Born 1809.—Son of Samuel Guile.—Identified largely with Harford's history for sixty years.—Tanner, miller, merchant, farmer.—Excellent judgment.—Called to positions of trust.—Served the township in several offices.—Member of M. E. Church.—Name appears many times in this history.—Died 1887.

Fowler Peck.—Born 1820.—Came to Harford about 1854.—Purchased the Samuel Thacher (Nine Partner) farm.—On his land, second Fair Ground, 1868-1907.—Farmer of enterprise.—Supervisor.—Removed West 1879.—Died 1901.

Amasa Chase.—Born 1805.—Son of Elder Daniel Chase.—Tanner at Gt. Bend.—Valuable citizen of Harford from 1845 to 1870.—Removed to Great Bend.—An excellent adviser; a well-informed man.—Upright, honest.—Member of Baptist Church.—Name often in these pages.—Died 1876.

Austin Darrow.—Born 1825.—Son of Gurdon Darrow.—Carpenter in early manhood.—Farmer many years.—Office in the township.—A man of integrity, and independent views in politics.—Member of Baptist Church.—Though past four-score he is still active on his farm.

George A. Lindsey.—Born 1823.—Son of Amherst Lindsey.—Came to Harford about 1847.—A successful farmer.—Township officer.—Member of Congregational Church.—A man of undoubted integrity; faithful everywhere.—Died 1899.

E. Collins Peck.—Born 1828.—Son of Joseph Peck.—Very successful farmer.—His opinions on farming eagerly sought in the Farmers' Club.—Though nearly four-score, Mr. Peck has not ceased farming.—Supervisor.—Soldier, Civil War.

George M. Carpenter.—Born 1830.—Son of Shepherd Carpenter.—Farmer on East Hill.—Member of Congregational Church.—Afterwards removed to Elmira.—Station agent in branch road depot.—Died 1904.

Lee L. Forsyth.—Born 1820.—Son of Nathan Forsyth.—A farmer in S. Harford.—A good neighbor.—Good judgment on stock.—Died 1867.

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*d. May 9, 1911 in South Harford.*

Jacob Clark.—Born 1797.—Son of Jason Clark.—Came from Wayne Co., about 1847.—Judicious farmer.—Good judgment.—Member of Congregational Church.—A staunch Christian man.—Died 1873.

Penuel Carpenter.—Born 1810.—Son of Obadiah Carpenter.—A man of push and energy.—Several offices, particularly School Director.—Merchant, cattle dealer, landlord.—Name often in the following pages.—Died 1879.

John Blanding.—Born 1808.—Son of Joseph Blanding.—Prominent in politics and military matters.—Brilliant teacher.—Successful farmer.—Served town, county, state, nation, officially.—Every position from private to Brigadier-General.—First president, Harford Agricultural Society.—His name often in succeeding pages.—Died 1882.

Amherst Carpenter.—Born 1802.—Son of Obadiah Carpenter.—Farmer.—Filled nearly every office in the township.—County Commissioner, Colonel, Brigade-Inspector.—Influential member of Congregational Church.—Excellent leader in public demonstrations.—Twenty-three years sexton in Village Cemetery.—Name appears often.—Died 1875.

John W. Watson.—Born 1812.—Son of Walter Watson.—Farmer and lumberman in New Milford township.—Member of Congregational Church.—Served Church in committee work.—Respected citizen.—Died 1872.

Edwin T. Tiffany.—Born 1821.—Son of Tingley Tiffany.—Teacher.—Successful merchant, twenty-five years.—Township offices.—Deacon in Congregational Church.—Prominent in Church work.—Postmaster many years.—Useful citizen; public-spirited.—President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer of the Society.—Died 1902.

J. Wadsworth Tyler.—Born 1834.—Son of Jared Tyler.—Farmer in New Milford township.—Other pursuits.—Member of Congregational Church; prominent in its work.—Connected with Erie freight office, Jersey City, 1883.—A genial, much-loved man.—Died 1898.

B. Frank Eaton.—Born 1825.—Son of Jacob Eaton.—Came to Harford, 1849.—Successful merchant.—In partnership with his brother Ralph H. Eaton.—Member of Congre-

gational Church.—Popular among our people.—Useful citizen.—Removed from Harford, 1860.—Died 1884.

William Coy Tiffany.—Born 1808.—Son of Hosea Tiffany, Jr.—Lawyer, surveyor, Justice of Peace for many years.—Modest, retiring; his talents were greater than his boldness.—A most useful citizen.—Greatly respected.—Conscientious, honest, faithful.—Died 1876.

William T. Moxley.—Born 1826.—Son of Francis Moxley.—In New Milford township.—Successful farmer.—Push and enterprise.—Sheriff of Susq. Co.—Excellent judgment.—Resided in Binghamton.—Died 1902.

Stephen Sweet.—Born 1807.—Son of Capt. Asahel Sweet.—Farmer.—All the township offices.—Staunch, strong, quiet; good judgment.—Died 1860.

John M. Williams.—Born 1842.—Son of Peter Williams.—Youngest member of the Society.—Began work on D., L. & W.—In an accident, instantly killed, 1865.

Elias N. Carpenter.—Born 1818.—Son of Elias Carpenter.—Farmer.—Member of Congregational Church, which he served faithfully all his life.—Good judgment.—Greatly respected.—Name identified with Society.—Died 1893.

Orlando Watrous.—Born 1822.—Son of Joseph Watrous.—Farmer.—Removed to Montrose.—Office of Constable.—Soldier in Civil War.—Died 1892.

Clark Sterry Tanner.—Born 1798.—Farmer.—Member of Congregational Church.—A man of energy, making his way to prosperity by industry.—His prevailing good humor and cheerfulness made him a favorite.—Township offices.—Died 1869.

F. W. Richardson.—Born 1826.—Son of Francis Richardson, Jr.—(His own name, Francis W. Richardson).—Shoemaker and Gunsmith.—Removed to Heart Lake, 1882.—Though past four-score, his mind is clear, health good.

Hoyt Wilcox.—Born 1820.—Son of Erastus Wilcox.—Farmer.—Conservative, slow-spoken, good judgment.—His death while in the prime of life was a loss to the community.—Died 1881.

Charles Tingley.—Born 1796.—Son of Elkanah Tingley.—Associate Judge of Susq. Co., 1848 to 1852.—County Com-



missioner.—Filled nearly all township offices.—Settled many estates.—Frequently acted as arbitrator.—His judgment and advice much sought.—Farmer.—Died 1862.

Abel Read, Jr.—Born 1805.—Son of Abel Read.—Farmer of ability.—Township office.—Public spirited.—Member of Congregational Church; often serving it.—Died 1876.

Harvey Kingsbury.—Born 1833.—Son of Harvey Kingsbury.—Student at Franklin Academy.—Pastor of Baptist Church, Dimock.—Ordained, 1861.—Pastor at Windsor and Conklin.—Went West in 1869.—Pastor in Illinois.—Invalid, last five years.

Ira Carpenter.—Born 1800.—Son of Elias Carpenter.—Successful farmer.—Lumber dealer.—Good business man.—President and Vice President of the Society.—Died 1877.

L. R. Peck.—Born 1822.—Son of Freeman Peck.—Very successful farmer.—Introduced very much farm machinery.—Public spirited.—Laborious, active, enterprising.—Name appears many times in this book.—Died 1899.

George Leach.—Born 1802.—Son of Hezekiah Leach.—Farmer.—Remembered for his jovial nature and good cheer.—He had a stiff knee.—Died 1870.

Charles H. Miller.—Born 1825.—Son of Samuel Miller.—Farmer.—Very successful miller.—Postmaster, 1885 to 1889.—Member of Congregational Church.—Died 1896.

Amasa B. Tucker.—Born 1829.—Son of Simeon Tucker.—Very successful teacher.—Farmer of good judgment.—Member of Congregational Church.—Active in temperance work.—A man of integrity.—Name often in these pages.—Went West in 1876.—Freight car carpenter.—Resides in Aurora, Ill.

Shepherd Carpenter.—Born 1807.—Son of Ezra Carpenter.—An excellent farmer on a rocky, stony farm.—Member of Congregational Church, serving it much.—Eminent in piety.—Genial good nature; good judgment.—His death a distinct loss to the community.—Died 1866.

George I. Tingley.—Born 1831.—Son of Edwin Tingley.—Teacher.—Farmer.—Member of Congregational Church.—Active in Church work.—A respected man.—A sincere Christian.—Died 1888.

Marshall H. Blanding.—Born 1836.—Son of Sabinus Blanding.—Farmer.—Went West in 1864.—Supervisor in Sheffield, Ill.—Moved to Iowa in 1882.—Member of Baptist Church.

Willard W. Wilmarth.—Born 1822.—Son of Walter Wilmarth.—Farmer.—Soldier in Civil War.—Company (unassigned) 3d Reg., Pa. Artillery, Volunteers.—Good neighbor.—Died 1898.

Peter V. Dunn.—Born 1808.—Son of Jacob Dunn.—Farmer in S. Harford.—Death caused by the kick of a horse.—Died 1888.

Alanson Aldrich.—Born 1807.—Son of Nathan Aldrich.—Farmer.—Resided in Brooklyn.—Lived in Harford from 1841 to time of death.—Industrious.—Pure motives.—Greatly beloved by his family.—Died 1873.

Coe Wells.—Born 1822.—Son of Abijah Wells.—Farmer.—Resided in Gibson, Harford, Vestal Center, Binghamton.—Merchant, last two places.—A man of push and enterprise.—Member of Universalist Church, Gibson.—Died 1884.

John A. Smyth, Jr.—Born 1839.—Son of John A. Smyth.—Excellent miller.—Good business man.—Killed by cars, near Altord, August 12, 1887.

Millbourn Oakley.—Born 1802.—Son of Jotham Oakley.—Careful, very successful farmer.—Much interested in education.—Member of Congregational Church.—First Vice President of the Society.—Loved fine horses and cattle.—Had the finest at Fairs.—Died 1883.

Stephen E. Carpenter.—Born 1822.—Son of Amherst Carpenter.—Farmer.—Assessor for many years.—Sexton, Village Cemetery, many years.—Faithful Secretary of Society a number of years.—Genial, kind, social.—Died 1903.

J. Gilbert Hotchkiss.—Born 1822.—Son of Joel Hotchkiss.—Prosperous farmer.—Several town offices.—Member of Congregational Church.—Died 1879.

John Leslie.—Born 1808.—Son of John Leslie.—Clerk in New York.—Farmer.—Very industrious and prosperous.—Member of Congregational Church; serving it often.—Assessor.—A man of integrity; honest.—Name appears often in this book.—Died 1875.

H. G. Blanding.—Born 1837.—Son of John Blanding.—Merchant in Harford.—Secretary of the Society.—Removed to Brooklyn. N. Y.—Died 1890.

Meritt Seeley.—Born 1819.—Son of Orema Seeley.—Carpenter.—Farmer.—Genial, kindly.—Died 1889.

Henry J. Tyler.—Born 1835.—Son of Jared Tyler.—Teacher.—Farmer.—Town office.—Member of Congregational Church.—Quiet, unassuming; a man of integrity.—Greatly respected.—Died 1878.

D. Everett Whitney.—Born 1823.—Son of Belias Whitney.—Successful farmer.—Town office.—Member of Congregational Church.—Public spirited.—Captain, Co. B., 17th Pa. Cavalry.—Died 1901.

Daniel T. Roe.—Born 1817.—Son of Benjamin B. Roe.—Farmer.—Stage driver.—Died 1877.

Tingley Tiffany.—Born 1788.—Son of Thos. Tiffany.—Farmer.—Soldier, 1812.—Deep interest in education.—First Treasurer of the Society.—Constant in Church attendance.—Died 1866.

Theron Palmer.—Born 1827.—Son of Thomas Palmer.—Farmer and stone mason.—Soldier in Civil War.—Wounded at Chancellorsville.—Member of Lenox Baptist Church.—Died 1904.

Humphrey Marcy.—Born 1822.—Lived in Lenox.—Farmer.—Push and public spirit.—Served the Society.—Removed to Hopbottom, 1877.—Assessor.—Dealer in live stock.—Removed to Scranton.—Died 1890.

David L. Hine.—Born 1815.—Son of Stephen Hine.—Came to Harford, 1822.—Very successful farmer.—School Director, 22 years.—Served the Society more than any other person.—A debt of gratitude owed him.—Excellent judgment.—Public spirit.—Other town office.—Died 1897.

Joseph Powers, Jr.—Born 1819.—Son of Joseph Powers.—Successful teacher.—Wagon maker.—Farmer.—Much interested in education.—School Director.—Member of Baptist Church.—Died 1902.

Alva M. Adams.—Born 1833.—Son of Joshua K. Adams.—Farmer.—Soldier, Civil War.—Co. C. 151st Reg. Penna. Infantry.—Died 1879.

Nathan G. Brainard.—Born 1823.—Son of Timothy Brainard.—Farmer.—Prudent, industrious.—Member of Congregational Church.—A respected man.—Died 1865.

Alonzo Abel.—Born 1812.—Son of William Abel.—A carpenter.—Member of Congregational Church.—Served it much.—Undoubted piety.—Good judgment.—Removed to Owego.—Died 1900.

Alonzo M. Tiffany.—Born 1821.—Son of Hosea Tiffany, Jr.—A physican of skill.—Much esteemed in the community.—Entered service, Civil War.—Died 1865.

Gardener J. Babcock.—Born 1825.—Son of Ezekiel G. Babcock.—Identified with Harford many years.—Successful farmer.—Merchant.—A man of good judgment.—Member of Congregational Church.—Removed to Binghamton.—Died 1897.

Seymour C. Hallstead.—Born 1834.—Son of Richard Hallstead.—One of the young members of the Society.—Left Harford in 1875.—Foreman in the E. D. Clapp Manufacturing Co., Auburn, N. Y., for twenty-seven years.—Member of Presbyterian Church, Auburn.

Oliver Payne, Jr.—Born 1816.—Son of Capt. Oliver Payne.—Came to Harford about 1855.—Built tin shop and worked at the trade.—Successful.—Member of Methodist Church.—Town offices.—Genial, kindly.—Much respected.—Died 1893.

Harvey Sibley.—Born 1797.—Son of Nathan Sibley.—Came to Harford about 1840.—With his brother and Penuel Carpenter he carried on a woolen factory.—Also other business.—A consistent Christian, busy man, obliging neighbor.—His thrift gave him influence.—Died 1886.

Charles L. Seeley.—Born 1839.—Son of Orema Seeley.—Farmer.—Removed from Harford to Syracuse, 1874.—Employ of N. Y. Central till death.—Member of Congregational Church, Harford.—Soldier in Civil War.—Died 1893.

Dexter Sibley.—Born 1803.—Son of Nathan Sibley.—Came to Harford with his brother.—In business with him.—Justice of the Peace.—Member of Methodist Church.—Quiet.—A man of few words.—Respected member of the community.—Removed to Binghamton.—Died 1889.

Dalton Tiffany.—Born 1791.—Son of Thomas Tiffany.—

Farmer.—Hard worker.—Energy.—Public spirit.—Town office.—Died 1867.

William Brundage.—Born 1829.—Lived in Lenox, Harford, New Milford.—Farmer.—Town office.—Member of Methodist Church.—Quiet, unassuming, sincere.—Died 1901.

Alfred G. Barnard.—Born 1822.—Son of Gurdon Barnard.—Came to Harford, 1837.—Cabinet maker.—Farmer.—Conservative, quiet.—Died 1880.

Joseph Moore.—Born 1814.—Wagon maker.—Settled in Harford, 1839.—Farmer.—Member of Congregational Church.—A consistent Christian.—Staunch in belief.—Died 1894.

Henry M. Jones.—Born 1830.—Son of Austin Jones.—Successful teacher.—Farmer.—Prominent merchant many years.—Justice of Peace and other offices.—Representative for Susq. Co., two terms, 1873, 1874.—Public spirit.—Church, Cemetery, Village, bear the marks of his care and labor.—His death was a public calamity.—Died 1879.

A. Willard Greenwood.—Born 1819.—Son of James Greenwood.—Chair manufacturer.—Afterwards a progressive farmer.—Member of Methodist Church.—Earnest in religion.—Public spirit.—Warmly interested in education.—Died 1898.

R. Lewis Tingley.—Born 1822.—Son of Thomas Tingley.—Came from Attleborough, 1823.—Farmer.—Well-informed.—Interested in education.—Died 1904.

Edward J. Tyler.—Born 1841.—Son of Jared Tyler.—One of the young members in this list.—Always a farmer.—Member of Congregational Church and deacon.—Has served it much.—Member of Executive Committee, Society, many years.—Active, earnest, public spirited, to-day.—His farming a model for others.—We owe him much.

Walter Graham.—Born 1805.—Son of John Graham.—Farmer.—Love of humor.—Bold to speak his mind.—Kind hearted.—Always ready to help those in need.—Died 1889.

J. D. Richardson.—Born 1822.—Son of Francis Richardson.—Joseph left Harford in 1860.—A tradesman; shoemaker.—Member of the old John Knox Presbyterian Covenanter Church.—Resides in Brooklyn, this county.

Of these 76 men, only 9 are living.

Twenty-one years ago (1886), 40 were living.

A few days after this meeting of October 25 the Executive Committee met and made a classification, and appointed judges as follows. In this list there is a third best from Class I to XI.

CLASS I. Horses, mules, colts. Judges: A. Hammond, S. B. Guile.—CLASS II. Bulls, cows: H. M. Jones. D. T. Roe.—CLASS III. Oxen, steers: George Leach, D. L. Hine.—CLASS IV. Yearlings, calves: S. E. Carpenter, G. J. Babcock.—CLASS V. Sheep: Shepherd Carpenter, Ira Carpenter.—CLASS VI. Swine: J. G. Hotchkiss, C. H. Miller, E. N. Carpenter.—CLASS VII. Poultry: Rev. A. Miller, Simeon Tucker.—CLASS VIII. Butter, cheese: C. S. Johnston, D. Sibley, J. Clark.—CLASS IX. Grain: John Leslie, I. H. Parrish, Geo. Lindsey.—CLASS X. Apples, potatoes, vegetables: P. Carpenter, H. G. Blanding, Stephen Sweet.—CLASS XI. Honey, sugar, vinegar: John Gilbert, E. V. Green.—CLASS XII. Leather, harness, boots: A. Chase, R. R. Thacher.—CLASS XIII. Cabinet work, carriages: A. G. Barnard, N. S. Guild, N. G. Brainard.—CLASS XIV. Farm implements: H. Sibley, L. T. Farrar, Arta Sweet.—CLASS XV. Domestic: Mrs. J. Blanding, Mrs. D. Sibley.—CLASS XVI. Patchwork, needlework: Mrs. H. G. Blanding, Mrs. H. J. Tyler.—CLASS XVII. Paintings: A. W. Greenwood, F. H. Tiffany.

Superintendent, Amherst Carpenter.—Committee of Reception, D. K. Oakley, Wm. C. Tiffany, B. F. Eaton, A. Abel.

The first Fair was to be held on the grounds near the Congregational meeting house on Nov. 4, 1858. The weather was unfavorable and an adjournment was made until Nov. 9, when there was a fine exhibition of stock, vegetables, etc.

So the record reads.—The Fair was held on the grounds of the Congregational Church. At that time a row of red sheds reached from the Lecture Room to the road, skirting the Cemetery. Back of the Church was another row, extending parallel with the Church. Shelves were arranged; quilts and other articles thrown over the divisions between the sheds or on ropes.

The first day named proved unfavorable. But Rev. Lyman Richardson, standing on the end of the Lecture Room porch, addressed the crowd. He set forth the increasing incentive such a Fair would give to farming; and the healthy and proper spirit of friendly competition. In that crowd stood the writer, who had not then been a student at Franklin Academy. There stood another who had, and who venerated this dear man highly—Prof. E. S. P. Hine.

November 9 was a beautiful day. A touch of Indian summer. Success was assured. Rev. Adam Miller gave the address. Says Prof. Hine, "None could forget that address, charged with practical advice; inspiring his hearers to advance all along the line of agricultural development; with sentiments suggesting better homes, better educational facilities, and withal, a better, broader social condition for our people."—"Prophetic words."

After the Fair had adjourned the oxen were formed in line by attaching a chain from the ring in the yoke to the next yoke behind. The parade they made, each accompanied by owner, is remembered to this day, by all the living. The line extended from the road through the Church gate, up and around the rear of the Church and down to the road, through the other gate. Passing through the Village, one end was on the bridge; the line passing around the triangular lot of W. B. Guile and ending on the other bridge. Some have estimated that there were 60 yoke. Prof. Sophia says there were 32 yoke. He refers to D. L. Hine as his authority. A. B. Tucker says there were 40 yoke. The leader of the line were twin steers, yearlings, owned by David L. Hine; driven by his son Charles.

Truly, Harford was a town of oxen. Men were not in haste to make money, and the slow plodding of oxen did not make them fret. Much more could be done in a day, plowing, harrowing, than now thought possible. Their great strength was apparent when hitched to rocks and stumps.

The writer remembers the fine oxen of his father's neighbor, Ira Parrish. They were Devons; a dark red; symmetrical horns; finely formed. So well trained were they, that he could step to their heads, raise his whip perpendicularly, and they would elevate their heads instantly.

Millbourn Oakley prided himself on oxen. He had many yokes, of all ages. At one time a stranger wished to buy. Mr. Oakley, not caring to sell, put the price at \$155. "I'll take them" was the answer.

Says William Osmun, "Richard Richardson sold oxen several times for \$200. To men from the Delaware river." Also, "I have been superintendent of cattle of late years at the Fair. Although we have allotted space for oxen, none for several years have been on exhibition."

Major Hammond in 1889 told the writer this story: A young man in Harford owed \$100. Several years passed and he made no progress in payment. Could get hold of no money. At last the creditor told him to select a pair of the finest calves that came. "Feed them well; train them; break them thoroughly; in three years bring them to me; and your debt shall be cancelled." It was done.

Says Prof. Hine, "The day was one of Autumn's fairest jewels; an Indian summer." Also that his father exhibited a hive of bees in Phelps's Combination. Whole contents weighed 600 lbs.

Says Samuel Smyth: "The boys and young men paraded the town that forenoon on horses."

The record closes: "A fine exhibiton of stock, vegetables, etc." Prof. Hine adds: "A large attendance of Harford people. An unexpectedly large display of domestic goods, needle-work, knitting, paintings, drawings. The vegetables were of surprising fine quality. The season had been late, wet, and cold."

Says E. J. Tyler, "I had a pair of colts of which I was very proud. I received the premium. As Amasa Tucker stood on the Church platform performing the duties of Secretary, I thought of a half-dollar in my pocket. I said to him, 'Perhaps I'd better become a member.' 'Certainly,' said Mr. Tucker. So I paid my fifty cents, and went down on the roll as the youngest member. Only 17½ years old."

"There were 50 yoke. A wagon was hitched to the last yoke, and in it sat the officials of the Fair, as the procession moved through town."

"I have attended every Fair in this half-century, save two."



Says S. J. Adams, "I was a lad, driving my father's large yoke of oxen. They were the largest on exhibition that day. They weighed 3700. They were attached to a wagon; the last pair in the parade. Col. Carpenter requested me to ride on the bare back of the 'nigh' ox through town. It attracted some attention. I think there were as many as 60 yoke; maybe more. Millbourn Oakley had three yoke; Jackson Tingley, two."

Says Austin Darrow, "I remember taking to this Fair 5 cabbages that averaged 17 lbs. each. First premium. The oxen were 50 or 60 yoke."

Says Hon. C. H. Dickerman, "I recollect the first Fair, and that I was very much surprised at the exhibition of fruit, and at the general interest taken in it. The exhibition of oxen, and more especially the trials of strength and endurance by the different yokes, while not impressing me particularly at the time, would now be regarded as something very interesting, if not unique and picturesque.—I recollect very well that while the general opinion was that the first Fair was a decided success, it would be difficult to keep up the interest, and that very few thought that the necessary funds would be contributed. A few of the more hopeful, possibly more energetic spirits, were optimistic, and it is due to their efforts that the flourishing Agricultural Society which followed, resulted. The Harford Fair has become a historical event, and it is famed throughout the State. It is about the only 'Simon Pure' original country Fair, or purely Agricultural Fair remaining, and it would be very unfortunate if one or two mishaps should result in its failure."

Jan. 10, 1859. Meeting of Society.—Constitution and names of members read.—Reports.—Treasurer had on hand \$0.50.—President appointed a committee to nominate officers: Amasa Chase, Fowler Peck, E. T. Tiffany.—They named, for President, Amherst Carpenter; for Vice President, Asa Hammond; for Secretary, E. T. Tiffany; for Treasurer, P. Carpenter; for Executive Committee, John Blanding, Stephen Carpenter, John Leslie.—Mr. Blanding refused to serve, and nominated Humphrey Marcy in his place.—Election followed.—Mr. Marcy was made third member of committee.

Third article of constitution was altered to read "five members" instead of three, for executive committee.

President instructed to name a committee who should select a piece of ground, permanently, for the holding of Fairs. Cost, and cost of fencing, and fitting up.—Named Fowler Peck, Jacob Clark, E. N. Carpenter.—Adjournment to Feb. 12.

Feb. 12, 1859. Meeting at Center school house.—Committee reported as follows:

Mr. Waldron (hotel keeper) offers a piece adjoining Dr. Tiffany's, free of expense, save fencing, for four or five years.—S. B. Guile offers a piece back of Congregational Church burying ground, for \$6.00 a year, four or five years.—Joab Tyler offers to donate an acre, and if desired, will sell more, adjoining.—Fowler Peck offers a piece free of expense, save fencing.—Committee unanimously recommended Mr. Tyler's offer.

After discussion the committee were instructed to further find size of each piece, price, probable cost of fitting for use of Society.—Constitution read. Invitation for more members. Carried: That the next Fair be free.

D. L. Hine and Coe Wells were added to the Executive Committee. And the committee appointed at last meeting asked to be discharged. Granted. Voted to meet in two weeks. And that the subject for discussion be, "Neat Stock."

Feb. 26, 1859. Neither President or Vice President being present, Amasa Chase was chosen chairman. Edwin Tingley led the discussion on "Neat Stock." Ably considered by many members. Adjournment for two weeks. Question for consideration: "Preparation of the Soil for Crops."

March 12, 1859. The proper officers not being present, John Leslie was made chairman. The above subject was ably discussed. Adjourned one week. Subject: "The General Management of Fruit Trees."

March 19, 1859. Stormy, and no meeting.

No further record. But a Farmers' Club was organized many years after, and made an honorable history of eight years. (See Chapter VIII.)

Sept. 22, 1859. Executive Committee decided to hold Second Annual Fair, October 13th. Appointed judges. The only

change in classification was Class X, which was made Fruit alone. And Class XI. was made Vegetables. This made eighteen classes instead of seventeen. Ordered that a Plowing Match take place Oct. 8th. Committee for same: Jacob Clark, George Lindsey, E. N. Carpenter. And Judges: John Blanding, Ira Carpenter, J. Gilbert Hotchkiss.

Superintendent of Fair, Gen. John Blanding.—Committee of Reception: George M. Carpenter, A. B. Tucker, Walter Graham, Alonzo Abel, S. C. Hallstead.

There is no official record of this second Fair. The writer turns to his diary:

"Oct. 8th. Plowing Match.—Five competitors.—William F. Moxley, 1st best; Amasa Tucker, 2d best; George Leslie, 3d best.

"Oct. 13th. Fair.—A very pleasant day; a good number present from our own town and adjoining towns. A new fact (it was said at the Fair) has come to our knowledge; namely, that we can have frost eleven months out of a year (the case this year) and still raise a bountiful share of provisions for use."

The writer's wife remembers that Miss Mary Miller closed her select school at 2 P. M., and the pupils marched up to the Fair.

Says Prof. E. S. P. Hine, "The students from Harford University (Franklin Academy) marched down to the Fair in a body, with banners of the two literary societies—Amphyction and Alpha-Epsilon—proudly carried in front. Col. Carpenter rode out on horseback to meet and escort the procession into the ground. The same thing occurred at Fair of 1861; and possibly of 1862."

"Oct. 19th. A Fair at Gibson, Kennedy's Hill. Quite a cool day. Nearly as many present as at Harford. The writer's father, Russel R. Thacher, went with the music. A great many very nice things were exhibited."—There was one more exhibition, 1860.

## CHAPTER III

### FIRST FAIR GROUND—EIGHT FAIRS

Jan. 9, 1860. Meeting of Society.—Names of members read.—Treasurer had received \$30.—Paid out \$5.31. Balance on hand, \$24.69.

Committee on nominations: John Leslie, Edwin Tingley, D. L. Hine. They reported: For President, Ira Carpenter; Vice President, Harvey Sibley; Secretary, E. T. Tiffany; Treasurer, Penuel Carpenter; Executive Committee, George Lindsey, Millbourn Oakley, J. G. Hotchkiss, S. B. Guile. As H. Sibley was not a member, he was dropped, and A. Chase substituted. E. T. Tiffany wished to be excused, and A. B. Tucker substituted.—Elected.

A business committee was appointed: J. Blanding, A. Chase, E. T. Tiffany, Col. A. Carpenter, H. C. Moxley.

Jan. 30, 1860. By unanimous voice Rev. Lyman Richardson was elected honorary member. The business committee reported:

Proposition 1.—Shall all persons except members pay a fee for exhibiting articles? Voted, "Yes."—Fee was fixed at \$1.00.—\$0.50 substituted.

Prop. 2.—That the Executive Committee have power as regards premiums.—Voted, "Yes."

Prop. 3.—Shall a fee be required of all, not members, for admission?—Voted, "Yes."

Prop. 4.—Can an exhibition be kept up without a permanent location?—Voted, "No."

By-law: Require all dues of members paid on or before first Monday in August. Treasurer to report to Executive Committee the amount available for premiums.—Adopted.

A committee was appointed to report where and on what terms a piece of ground can be obtained: D. L. Hine, G. J. Babcock, J. Clark.

Feb. 13, 1860. Committee reported: (1) Mr. Waldron

offers ground, 20 rods by 16, free of rent, as long as wanted. And will give \$20 to Society.—(2) Fowler Peck will give the use of two acres north of his house and alongside the road, for ten years. And will build 20 rods of fence. (3) L. R. Peck agrees to give land for ten years. And fence the same. Also to construct a road inside for carriage drive and exhibition of horses. Society to select the land.—(4) John Blanding offers ground, as much and as long as wanted, one-fourth mile N. W. of Village, free of rent.

Ordered that choice be made by ballot; two-thirds of members present necessary to carry; and that the vote at this meeting be informal. L. R. Peck's offer received 5, Fowler Peck's 10, Waldron's 6.

By unanimous vote Rev. A. Miller was made an honorary member.

Feb. 20, 1860. First ballot: Fowler Peck, 24; L. R. Peck, 6; N. W. Waldron, 29.—No choice.

Col. Carpenter offered land for Mr. Titus. To be free, and fenced, for a term of years.

Second ballot: Leonard Titus, 27; Fowler Peck, 13; Waldron, 24.—No choice.

Third ballot: Waldron, 21; Titus, 38; F. Peck, 7.—No choice.

Fourth ballot: Waldron, 28; Titus, 38; F. Peck, 1.—No choice.—Mr. Peck withdrew his offer.

Fifth ballot: Waldron, 31; Titus, 36.—No choice.

Sixth ballot: Waldron, 40; Titus, 29.—No choice. Ordered that a plurality of votes shall carry.

Seventh ballot: Waldron, 41; Titus, 29.—Mr. Waldron's offer carried. An addition to his first proposal was, to enclose grounds with fence, free of expense.

Subscription committee appointed: George I. Tingley, J. Wadsworth Tyler, Lee L. Forsyth, H. C. Moxley, Fowler Peck.

Twenty-two new members received.

March 5, 1860. J. W. Tyler and L. L. Forsyth made very favorable reports. In all, about \$125. Committee appointed



*John Blunsing*



*Millborn Oakley*



*A. D. Tucker*



*Tingley Tiffany*



to make contract with Mr. Waldron: G. J. Babcock, A. Chase, J. Blanding.—Vote of thanks to the several gentlemen that have made such liberal offers to the Society.—Voted that the fence shall be 7 feet high.

Mar. 26, 1860. Committee reported a contract, but not signed.—A disagreement.—The objections of Mr. Waldron were left with committee to decide.

Ten cents was fixed for entrance fee of all persons over 12 years of age. Between 5 and 12 years, half price. Under 5 years, free.

Ordered, that any member paying his annual fee shall be entitled to a badge admitting himself and family.

April 7, 1860. Part of committee absent.—No report.—Col. Blanding offered resolution: That Executive Committee confer with executive committee of Susquehanna County Fair to secure the plowing match of that society in this township.—Carried.

April 14, 1860. Committee reported a lease with Mr. Waldron. Committee appointed to procure firkins to be filled for exhibition, State Fair. And any other articles.

Aug. 25, 1860. Meeting to select a place for county plowing match. Fowler Peck offered ground. Accepted.—Committee: J. Blanding, H. M. Jones, D. L. Hine.

Judges appointed: Jacob Clark, S. B. Guile, Edwin Tingley.

Sept. 29, 1860. Executive Committee make arrangements. Third Annual Fair to be Thursday, Oct. 24th.—Classification, and Judges appointed. Turning to the list of 1858, the changes noted are: Class III. Grade Durhams.—IV. Grade Devons.—V. Oxen and Steers.—VI. Sheep and Swine.—VII. Butter and Cheese.—VIII. Fruit and Vegetables.—IX. Grain and Poultry.—X. Leather.—XI. Farming Implements.—XII. Vinegar, Honey, Sugar.—XIII. Domestic.—XIV. Needlework.—XV. Painting.—XVI. Miscellaneous.—There was a 3d best in Fruit and Vegetables.



No official record of the day.—We turn to our diary: "The day was pleasant; roads very muddy in places. A large number present; good exhibition."—Warner H. Wilmarth says that the music consisted of two violins, S. J. Adams and Francis Richardson.

Says S. J. Adams himself: "S. J. Adams and Francis Richardson, violins; George Peck, clarionet; Walter Williams, cornet; Lyman Richardson, bassoon; Russell Thacher, snare drum."

The Harford Brass Band had been organized, but may not have played.—No record of plowing match.

Says S. J. Adams: "Col. Carpenter was officer of the day; and, as politics ran high, he announced in a loud voice, 'No cheers for the presidential candidate will be allowed on these grounds to-day.' Old John Gow, speaking in a loud tone, so many could hear, 'Say, Colonel, let me cheer just a *leetle*; it will make me feel so good.'"

The photograph of this ground (Plate II.) was taken May, 1907, from the point of the hill, in the road, above the former home of R. R. Thacher, leading from Village to Gibson. No other point at this day shows the location so well. The original size of the ground is yet plainly seen. In 1860 surrounded by a high fence. The bright spots in the place indicate the ends of the two buildings. The lower one was not erected till 1861. The end nearest the gate (W. end) had two delivery windows for Secretary and assistant. The building beyond the grounds was the hotel of Waldron. It has changed hands many times in the half century, but not its looks. Present occupant, F. J. Skeels.

Says Amasa B. Tucker: "Col. John Blanding was boss-carpenter on the buildings. Working with him were D. L. Hine, Ira Carpenter, Penuel Carpenter, L. R. Peck, John Tifany. Most of the farmers manifested a substantial interest."

The first business Fair, the first financial venture, had passed into history. Success was written all over it. Enthusiasm, pride, hope, were in the people's eyes. It was their pet.—It is yet.

Jan. 14, 1861.—Treasurer's report accepted. (No figures.)



PLATE II.—FIRST GROUNDS OF SOCIETY.



Five dollars in uncurrent money. Committee on nominations reported: For President, Amasa Chase; Vice President, Dexter Sibley; Secretary, H. G. Blanding; Treasurer, P. Carpenter; Executive Committee: D. L. Hine, G. J. Babcock, S. E. Carpenter, Oliver Payne, Fowler Peck.—Unanimously elected.

Treasurer stated that he would make good the bad money, since they had re-elected him.—Constitution amended to elect two assistant secretaries. E. T. Tiffany and H. M. Jones were chosen.—Also, one assistant treasurer: H. C. Moxley. Moved that the Treasurer, in case assistant did not serve, appoint. This was reconsidered and tabled.—Executive Committee to attend to all repairs, and render account.—Resolved, to erect another building.—A police force to protect property on Fair Day, and answer questions. New building to be 20 by 40. Called Floral and Domestic Hall. Committee to solicit subscriptions for same: George Lindsey, J. Moore, E. T. Tiffany, J. C. Tanner, Robert Gow.

The fourth annual Fair was fixed for Thursday, Oct. 3. Regulations were prescribed: (1) Judges requested to meet at 10 A. M., at Secretary's office. Furnished with necessary instructions. (2) Exhibitors will be furnished with cards; to be attached to article or animal. (3) Superintendents of different departments will systematically arrange articles and animals. (4) Members of Society only are entitled to premiums. Persons not members may exhibit without competing for premium. (5) Annual address by J. B. McCollum, Esq., Montrose. (6) Services of Harford Brass Band for the occasion, entire day.

General Superintendent, Col. A. Carpenter.—Of Cattle, John Leslie.—Of Sheep, Swine, Poultry, O. G. Coughlan.—Of Dairy Hall, Henry J. Tyler.—Of Mechanics' Hall, A. G. Barnard.—Of Vegetable Hall, John S. Adams.—Of Floral Hall, John C. Tanner, Mrs. J. W. Tyler, Miss Alpha M. Streeter.

Badge of membership, \$0.50.—Single admission, \$0.10.—Clergymen and families, free.—Badges admit families to exhibition.

Premium list has a new class for cattle, "Natives." The premiums offered in whole list foot \$87.25.

A new building (lower one in photograph; indicated by bright spots) called Floral Hall was ready for use, affording ample room for all articles in the Ladies' Department.—It was decorated with evergreens. This prediction was appended: "It is confidently believed the ladies will make it one of the most attractive features of the exhibition."

The plowing match was held on the farm of E. N. Carpenter, Sept. 25th. Dinner free to all competitors; also feed for teams.

There is no record of the day from any source. But a complete list of premiums and winners is entered in the book for the first time. A number of names are from adjoining townships. Under Class XIII., Farming Utensils, we find, horse rake, Coe Wells; mowing machine, Hubbard's Patent, Troy, N. Y., J. B. Gray. The Judges add this: L. R. Peck exhibited one of Hubbard's patent light draft mowing machines, which appears to be well adapted to this section of country. (Few machines yet in Harford.) In Class XV. Domestics, some articles by persons not members are pleasantly noticed.

A few articles (from a large number) for which no premium was offered are appended: One case of hair flowers, Miss M. E. Stearns; one leaf-frame, by Miss Mary Miller; very fine specimen of Entomology, Miss Mary Miller; a choice collection of flowers by Misses E. G. Blanding, Julia Miller, Eva Clark; specimens of penmanship by Prof. D. W. Lowell, Binghamton.

Best plowing, Andrew Slocum, \$3.00.—2d best, Amasa B. Tucker, \$2.00.—3d best, H. Marcy, \$1.—4th best, J. A. Bingham, \$0.50.

This premium award closed with notice that none would be paid after Jan. 1, 1862.

And success had again crowned our Fair.

Jan. 13, 1862. Treasurer reported \$169.11 on hand. Voted that the former amendment to the constitution be rescinded. Return to three members in Executive Committee. Committee on nominations: A. Carpenter, John Leslie, D. L. Hine.

President, Amasa Chase; Vice President, E. T. Tiffany; Secretary, W. B. Grile; Assistant Secretary, H. M. Jones; as-



*L. R. Peck*



*D. E. Whitney*



*Amos A. Carpenter*



*A. M. Hammond*



Assistant Secretary, J. C. Tanner; Treasurer, P. Carpenter; Assistant Treasurer, Zera Very; Executive Committee, John Blanding, D. L. Hine, E. N. Carpenter. Unanimously elected.

H. G. Blanding, G. J. Babcock, elected auditors. No premiums to be paid after annual meeting, second Monday, January, each year. Struck out all half-price admissions. All under ten years of age free. Adjournment.

The Fifth Annual Fair to be held Oct. 8. The premium list made, foots \$188.40, \$100 ahead of last year. So bold had they become that the best stallion (first animal on list) received \$5.00. And best matched team \$4.00.

Gen. Supt., D. E. Whitney.—Assistant, S. E. Carpenter.—Of Cattle, G. A. Lindsey, G. M. Carpenter.—Dairy Hall, D. T. Roe.—Mechanics' Hall, William E. Barnard.—Vegetable Hall, George I. Tingley.—Floral Hall, Mrs. H. M. Jones, Miss Sarah Miller, J. W. Tyler, F. H. Tiffany.

Chief of Police, Alonzo Abel; Members of Police, Joseph Oakley, Tyler Brewster, James Hill, O. G. Coughlan, Orlando Watrous, John L. Tiffany, A. F. Tuthill, George Leslie, Horace Sweet, F. F. Sweet.

Gate Keepers, William Sweet, Seymour Hallstead, George S. Whitney, J. T. Tiffany, A. J. Adams.

Among the Regulations: Any person desiring to compete for premium can do so by purchasing a badge of membership, which will admit himself and family; but any person wishing to exhibit articles without competing can do so free of charge. The annual address will be delivered by Farris B. Streeter, Esq., Montrose, 2 P. M. The Harford Brass Band will be in attendance. Badges of membership \$0.50. Single admission, \$0.10. Children under 10 years, free. Clergymen and families, free.

As yet the Fair was but one day in duration.

A complete list of premiums awarded is given. Names of persons from New Milford, Gibson, Montrose, Lenox, Dundaff, Brooklyn, Susquehanna, Great Bend. Harford farmers carried off the lion's share of the prizes.

Class XVII, Miscellaneous, had premiums discretionary. In this, O. Lathrop received \$3.00 for a full blood Devon



bull. Fowler Peck, a full blood Devon cow, \$0.75. A full blood Hereford cow, D. T. Roe, \$0.50. G. W. Peck, very nice brooms, extra bound, his make, \$0.25. A very fine set of carriage springs, well finished, by A. F. Tuthill, \$0.50. A pair of English rabbits, Miss Mary Miller, \$0.25. Peck of flaxseed, Freeman Tingley, \$0.25.

Miscellaneous in Floral Hall: A beautiful orange tree, 8 years old, Miss E. Very. Globe for teaching, made by himself, W. L. Thacher. Piece of tow cloth, Mrs. Jackson Tingley. Magnificent basket of wax fruit, Miss Pauline Dayton. Very fine worsted scarf, Mrs. W. B. Guile.

The day was fine; the display greater than anticipated. The Society was highly gratified with the interest manifested by the friends of agriculture who were in attendance in large numbers from all parts of the county. Our thanks are extended especially to those who donated premiums.

W. B. GUILLE, Secretary.

There seems to have been no plowing match.

Jan. 12, 1863. Treasurer reported \$114.24. Committee appointed to nominate officers: H. G. Blanding, G. J. Babcock, R. R. Thacher.

Voted that the Secretary be paid \$5.00 annually.

That the Executive Committee shall appoint as many special police as they think proper, and pay them a reasonable sum.

That Treasurer file a statement properly audited, with Secretary on or before the day of annual meeting.

That the time for paying premiums be extended to ten days before next annual Fair.

Committee reported officers. At once elected: President, Amasa Chase; Vice President, D. L. Hine; Secretary, W. B. Guile; Assistant, S. E. Carpenter; Assistant, W. L. Thacher; Treasurer, P. Carpenter; Assistant, C. H. Miller.

Voted that the term of Executive Committee be three years. Elect one each year. J. Blanding, one year; J. Moore, two years; H. M. Jones, three years. Auditors: H. G. Blanding, G. J. Babcock.

Voted that all persons going on the ground to carry on their own business shall pay a fee.



*Peniel Carpenter*



*S. B. Carpenter*



*Ira Carpenter*



*Amasa Chase*



That the Executive Committee confer with the administrator of the Waldron estate in regard to furnishing refreshments on the grounds. In case he refuses, the committee are authorized to make such arrangements.

That arrangements be made for furnishing water before next Fair.

That an addition be made to front end of Vegetable Hall, not less than 30 nor more than 40 feet in length. The front part for Secretary's office; remaining part, for exhibition purposes. Note: The three buildings were all erected by subscription.

That the chair appoint a committee to procure subscriptions for the erection of this building: John Leslie, P. Carpenter, D. L. Hine, G. J. Babcock.

That this Society be known hereafter by the name of Harford Agricultural Society. Adjourned.

The Sixth Annual Fair was ordered to be held Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 6th and 7th, 1863. Grounds to be open Tuesday for the reception of stock and articles. (Thus two days for a Fair came.)

Badges, \$0.50. Cards furnished for all animals or articles. Stock could be kept over night. Police force day and night. No animal or article to receive more than one premium. And Judges could withhold a premium if not worthy.

B. S. Bently, Esq., Montrose, will deliver the annual address, Wednesday, 2 P. M. Harford Brass Band will be in attendance.

The premium list offers \$240. Judges appended in the record. Among them we notice many out-of-town people: W. K. Hatch, A. Baldwin, Montrose; W. C. Ward, H. Garret, L. A. Smith, New Milford; Stephen Bell, Lenox; J. L. Gillett, N. E. Kennedy, U. Burrows, C. P. Hawley, J. B. Gregg, Mrs. W. T. Read, Gibson; E. A. Weston, J. S. Peckham, Mrs. S. W. Breed, Brooklyn; Mrs. S. B. Chase, Great Bend; Eli Barnes, Jackson; Daniel Stewart, Bridgewater; D. K. Tyler, Ararat.

Comparing the list with the first one (1858), we find the classes reduced from seventeen to fourteen. That subdivisions

were introduced. That Durhams, Devons, grades, and Natives had come in. That the distinctions of Fine Wool, Middle Wool, Coarse Wool, in regard to sheep, had come in. That Domestic, Needlework, Paintings, had found the classes they to-day hold: 12th, 13th, and 14th.

The plowing match to take place on first day of Fair, on the farm of John S. Adams, one mile south of Village.

Gen. Supt., Amherst Carpenter. Assistant, Tyler Brewster. Cattle, D. E. Whitney, E. N. Carpenter. Sheep, Swine, Poultry, John Leslie. Dairy Hall, George M. Carpenter. Mechanics' Hall, L. T. Farrar. Fruit and Vegetables, Edwin Tingley. Agricultural Implements, L. R. Peck. Floral Hall, Mrs. G. J. Babcock, Mrs. O. Grinnell, Miss C. Graham, H. C. Moxley, O. M. Hawley.

And the Executive Committee add this: Encouraged by the generous patronage of the public heretofore, the Society has this year extended its premium list, and erected new buildings for the better protection of articles on exhibition. Hoping to make our Fair interesting and mutually beneficial, we cordially invite all the friends of agricultural improvements to attend.

Ample arrangements are made for furnishing tables of refreshments on the grounds.

JOHN BLANDING,  
JOSEPH MOORE,  
H. M. JONES.

Sec. W. B. Guile says: The exhibition was better than was anticipated by the Society. Although the weather was not as agreeable as wished for, the attendance was larger than in previous years.

The Society are pleased to see the increasing interest manifested by the people of the surrounding country in agricultural improvements. They extend their thanks to all who were in attendance, and especially to those who donated their premiums.

W. B. GUILLE, Sec.

The awards are on record. We notice winners from Jackson, New Milford, Montrose, Gibson, Great Bend, Lenox, Brooklyn. In plowing: Spencer Lathrop, \$4.00; S. E. Carpenter, \$3.00; George H. Leslie, \$2.00.

Best oxen, H. & M. Perigo; 2nd, Charles M. Parrish. Barley, by Augusta Sophia. Wheat bread (discretionary) Nancy M. Tyler. Mowing machine (Hubbard's Standard), O. Lathrop. Ira H. Parrish exhibited a cultivator harrow, his own make. Nice sap buckets by E. J. Tyler. Horse fork by L. R. Peck. Table linen, Esther B. Tingley. Quilt design, "Union," Mrs. William Pickering. The awards close with the usual notice that they will be considered donated to the Society unless drawn before a specified time.

And the Fair of 1863 passed into history.

Jan. 11, 1864, Society met at M. S. Hinds's store (Granger Hall). Nominating committee: S. B. Guile, George A. Lindsey, H. G. Blanding. Those selected were elected by acclamation: President, Amasa Chase; Vice President, Edwin Tingley; Secretary, W. B. Guile; Assistant, John Blanding; Assistant, J. C. Edwards; Treasurer, C. H. Miller; Assistant, E. T. Tiffany. Member of Executive Committee, P. Carpenter. Full Executive Committee: Joseph Moore, H. M. Jones, P. Carpenter. Auditors: D. L. Hine, S. E. Carpenter.

John Blanding raised a question as to increasing admission fees. Also as to striking out the badge system. This was put in a motion: "Give every person becoming a member tickets to the amount of price of membership." Not carried.

Entrance fee raised to 15 cents. Children between 5 and 10 years, 10 cents. Badges to admit only parents and minor children. Secure a stamp for making badges. Procure the use of land adjoining Fair Grounds, east, during Fair. Executive Committee furnish Secretary with badges and tickets, to be charged to Treasurer, when given into his hands for sale. Secretary to have \$7.50 for his salary. Executive Committee to have each \$2.00 per year, in part pay for their services, making out premium list, etc. (It may be added here that for all other work they were paid the same as any laboring man.)

Seventh Annal Fair to be held Oct. 4 and 5, 1864.

Regulations: Very desirable to have articles entered in books first day. A badge admits all articles with head of family, females, and minor children. Annual address, last day, 2 P. M. Good music provided.

Premium list foots \$261.50. As yet the only full blood cattle were Durhams and Devons. To butter and cheese were now added bread and its varieties. Plowing match to be held on the farm of John Blanding, first day of Fair.

Gen. Supt., Amherst Carpenter; Asst. Supt., Tyler Brewster. Cattle, Fowler Peck, John L. Tiffany. Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Shepherd Carpenter. Dairy Hall, A. B. Tucker. Mechanics' Hall, Porter L. Green. Fruit and Vegetables, E. N. Carpenter. Agricultural Implements, L. R. Peck. Floral Hall, J. W. Tyler, J. C. Tanner, Mrs. E. N. Carpenter, Mrs. Coe Wells, Miss M. M. Edwards

The premium list is on record. Best oxen, Milbourn Oakley. First notice of canned goods, peaches and cherries, Miss Sarah Miller. Best mowing machine was Hubbard's Light.

Plowing match was well attended. One-eighth acre, each competitor: H. Marcy, 1 hour 8 minutes, \$4.00; W. S. Sophia, 1 hour 12 minutes, \$3.00; Linus Moore, 1 hour 19 minutes, \$2.00; Charles Hollister, 1 hour 19 minutes, \$1.00. The judges were much pleased with the interest manifested in attending the match, and also with the skill exhibited by all the competitors.

W. B. GUILLE, Sec.

Harford Brass Band played. The 5th of October was a pleasant, still day. No record of speaker. More for tickets and badges than ever before.

Jan. 9, 1865. Meeting at Center school house. Vice President Edwin Tingley in chair. Treasurer reported \$286.51. Election of officers: President, Edwin Tingley; Vice President, L. T. Farrar; Secretary, John Blanding; Assistant, J. C. Edwards; Assistant, W. B. Guile; Treasurer, E. T. Tiffany; Assistant, S. E. Carpenter. One member Executive Committee, John Leslie. Full Executive Committee, H. M. Jones, P. Carpenter, John Leslie. Auditors: C. S. Johnston, G. M. Gamble.

Resolved, To release the Harford Brass Band from their obligations under the old contract. That the Executive Committee pay the band for their services for last year. To continue the practice of holding a two-days' Fair. Price of admission to be 20 cents. That any person may compete for a



G. A. Lindsey



E. T. Tiffany



H. G. Blanding



David L. Line





premium in the Domestic and Ornamental Departments without buying a badge.

The Eighth Annual Fair to be held Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 27 and 28, 1865.

Premium list foots \$377.50. Judges are most liberally taken from other townships. Plowing match to be held on the farm of George P. Wilmarth first day, 2 P. M.

Gen. Supt., A. Carpenter. Asst. Supt., Tyler Brewster. Cattle, D. E. Whitney, Joseph Moore. Sheep, Swine, Poultry, B. Watrous, Joseph Powers. Dairy Hall, George Carpenter. Mechanics' Hall, W. E. Barnard. Fruit and Vegetables, E. N. Carpenter. Agricultural Implements, L. R. Peck. Floral Hall, J. W. Tyler, James Leslie, Mrs. H. Estabrook, Miss Melissa Tiffany.

Regulations: Payment of 50 cents for membership entitles the person to exhibit in all the classes. Annual address, Thursday, 2 P. M. Good music will be provided.

The Society having been so well sustained heretofore, the Executive Committee have been able to offer large premiums, and a more extended list, and we would most cordially invite the friends of agriculture and the mechanic arts, to still give us their support and attendance.

H. M. JONES,  
P. CARPENTER,  
JOHN LESLIE.

Full list of premiums granted, is given. Best oxen, Milbourne Oakley. Best plowing, S. S. Lathrop, \$5.00; 2nd, F. H. Hollister, \$4.00; 3d, W. S. Sophia, \$3.00; Rufus Walworth, \$2.00. The judges take pleasure in commending the general excellence of the work; every land being well plowed; and would recommend a premium of \$2.00 each to A. Hammond, G. H. Leslie, and Linus Moore; and \$1.00 to A. M. Adams, for good plowing, and to encourage attention to this important department of agriculture.

J. BLANDING, Sec.

No record of Fair, day, music, or speaker from any source.

Ira L. Little, Esq., gave address this Fair or previous one. Diary of D. L. Hine: "A good time generally."

Jan. 8, 1866. Treasurer reported \$393.97. Officers chosen by acclamation: President, Edwin Tingley; Vice President, H. M. Jones; Secretary, John Blanding; Assistant C. S. Johnston; Assistant, A. A. Eaton; Treasurer, E. T. Tiffany; Assistant, J. C. Tanner; Executive Committee, one member, L. R. Peck. Full committee, P. Carpenter, John Leslie, L. R. Peck. Auditors, S. B. Guile, A. B. Tucker.

Resolved, Salary of Secretary to be \$15.00. That a piece of ground, east of Fair Ground be procured of Dr. C. C. Edwards, owner of Waldron farm, until the termination of the lease, and fix price of admission of teams. That the constitution be amended; membership to be \$1.00. Fair admission to be 25 cents. Premium list to be published in county papers as early as July 1.

Ninth Annual Fair to be held Oct. 3 and 4, 1866. The premium list foots \$464.50. Plowing match to be held on C. H. Miller's farm, first day.

Gen. Supt., Amherst Carpenter. Asst. Supt. Tyler Brewster. Cattle, G. P. Wilmarth, George Carpenter. Sheep, Swine Poultry, Andrew Gillespie, R. L. Tingley. Dairy Hall, E. Collins Peck. Mechanics' Hall, Alfred Barnard. Fruit and Vegetables, C. H. Miller. Agricultural Implements, Austin Darrow. Floral Hall, W. B. Guile, George Payne, Mrs. H. Estabrook, Mrs. Warner Wilmarth, Miss Betsey Carpenter.

Regulations: Payment of \$1.00 for membership entitles the person to exhibit in all the classes. Annual address second day, by S. P. Longstreet, Esq., Wilkes-Barre. Music will be provided for the occasion. Ample refreshments will be furnished on the ground.

P. CARPENTER,  
JOHN LESLIE,  
L. R. PECK,

The premium list is on record. Under colts and mules the judges say: "Many others on exhibition, very good, and

justly entitle their owners to credit for their efforts to improve the stock of horses, but they could not give all premiums."

Under "Full Bloods" the best Durham cow was by J. C. Morris & Halpin, \$4.00. Best Devon bull, G. L. Corwin, \$4.00. In Grade Durhams, D. E. Whitney and L. R. Peck lead. In Grade Devons, I. H. Parrish, D. E. Whitney. Best Native cow, A W. Greenwood. Under "Oxen and Steers," the judges say: "The animals on exhibition cannot be surpassed in the county. With great difficulty could they decide on the best." Ira H. Parrish carried off the best. Richard Richardson, second. Best Fine Wool buck, E. J. Tyler, Best loaf wheat bread, Mrs. G. J. Babcock. Best honey, Rev. A. Miller. Best maple sugar, L. E. Carpenter. Best wool flannel, Mrs. John Holley. Best wool socks, Mrs. Meritt Seeley. Best knit hood, Miss Etta Hine. A very nice patchwork quilt by Mrs. Tingley, 87 years old; pieces supposed to be over 100 years old. Best drawing, Miss Emma Blanding.

Right here let us remember the best butter-makers of these years. 1861, N. Tingley, Ansen Tiffany. 1862, J. M. Decker, Naaman Tingley. 1863, Oliver Lathrop, T. D. Tingley. 1864, Coe Wells, William T. Moxley. 1865, George H. Leslie, Mrs. W. O. Bryant. 1866, Mrs. B. F. Hine, Mrs. J. K. Utley

Best plowing (one-eighth acre), 55 minutes, L. R. Peck, \$6.00. Second, Linus Moore, 64 minutes, \$5.00. Third, A. Hammond, 69 minutes, \$4.00. Fourth, Eli Barnes, 56 minutes, \$3.00. Fifth, W. S. Sophia, 72 minutes, \$2.00. Sixth, H. Marcy, 65 minutes, \$1.00.

Judges say: "Well done by all; very difficult to decide; some lands being more feasible than others; we give highest skill to all."

JOHN BLANDING, Sec.

No record of the day, weather, or music. It is certain that Harford Brass Band did not play.

"Success" was the word; \$700 on hand after all premiums were paid.

Diary of D. L. Hine: "Very cold, but pleasant."

Jan. 14, 1867. Vice President H. M. Jones in the Chair.

Treasurer reported \$707.16. Committee reported that the ground east of Fair Ground could not be leased on any terms.

Officers elect: President, John Blanding; Vice President, H. M. Jones; Secretary, A. B. Tucker; Treasurer, W. B. Guile; Member of Executive Committee, D. L. Hine. Full Committee, John Leslie, L. R. Peck, D. L. Hine. Auditors, S. B. Guile, J. C. Tanner.

Voted that Secretary and Treasurer choose their own assistants. That the Treasurer shall loan money on hand at 6% for benefit of Society, retaining 2% for his services. That the annual meeting shall hereafter be held on the first Monday of February. To pay Executive Committee \$6.00 for their services in making premium lists, appointing judges, etc. That a committee of three be appointed to select a piece or pieces of ground suited for a permanent Fair Ground; and the terms upon which it can be held; and also to ascertain what terms can be made with Dr. C. C. Edwards for the termination of the lease of the present Fair Ground. John Leslie, A. A. Eaton, D. L. Hine, appointed committee.

March 4, 1867. Meeting of Society. Reading of report.

March 25, 1867. Report read. Moved that if any propositions are in contemplation, we hear them. S. B. Guile offered to sell a piece of ground. Voted that the old committee be continued to look for a Fair Ground. Voted to reconsider previous vote. Voted that a committee of six be appointed to locate grounds and report. Voted that this committee be nominated and voted for. The following were elected: Col. A. Carpenter, John Leslie, A. A. Eaton, D. L. Hine, G. J. Babcock, P. Carpenter.

Tenth Annual Fair will be held Oct. 2 and 3, 1867.

Premium list foots \$528.50. Class XVI. Unenumerated Articles, added. Plowing match to be on the farm of John S. Adams, first day, 2 P. M.

General Superintendent, Amherst Carpenter. Cattle, J. L. Tiffany, G. S. Whitney. Sheep, Swine, Poultry, N. Tompkins, C. L. Seeley. Dairy Hall, Geo. A. Lindsey. Mechanics' Hall, W. M. Williams. Fruit and Vegetables; O. Grinnell. Agri-



*E. J. Babcock*



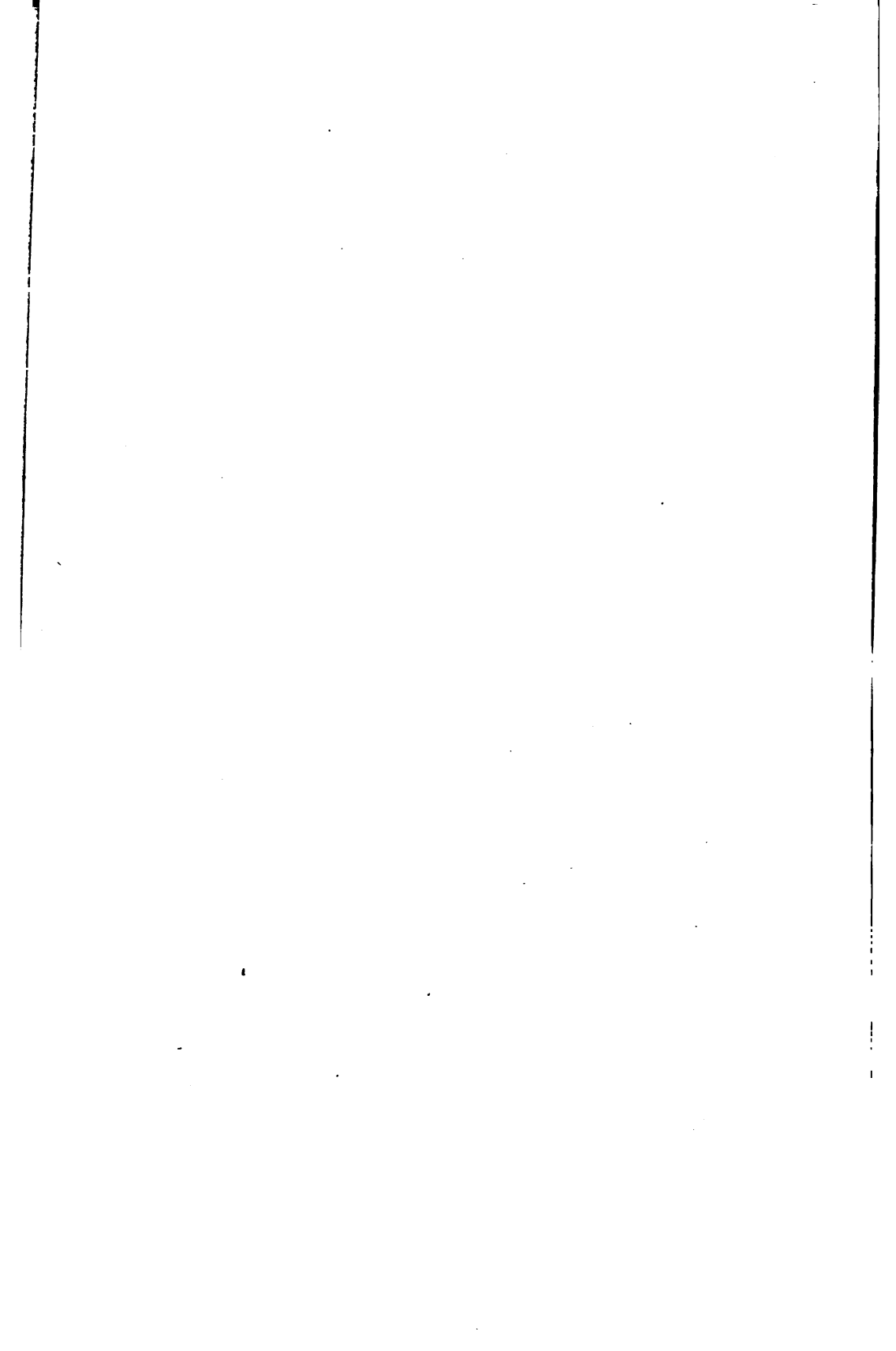
*W. B. Guile*



*E. N. Carpenter*



*Joseph Moore*



cultural Implements, Thomas Gillespie.—Floral Hall, E. S. P. Hine, F. H. Tiffany, Mrs. O. Grinnell, Mrs. J. C. Tanner, Miss E. G. Blanding.

Full list of premiums on record. The best Oxen (5 years old) were E. A. Pender's. Second, Ira Carpenter's.—Four years old, G. W. Lewis's. Second, A. B. Tucker. The judges say: "The animals do credit to the Society, showing that the farmers still take an interest in raising and exhibiting good stock." Best pail butter, Fowler Peck; greatest variety of vegetables, James Manson; best mowing machine, S. H. Sayre; best dental work, Dr. G. M. Gamble; best oil painting, F. H. Tiffany; best drawing, E. S. P. Hine.

Plowing, L. R. Peck, \$7.00; C. J. Hollister, \$5.00; S. S. Lathrop, \$4.00; Eli Barns, \$3.00; Asa Hammond, \$2.00; Henry Hill, \$1.00. Also, recommended a premium of \$1.00 each to Linus Moore, A. M. Pease, E. H. Ellsworth. The skill of the plowmen deserves honorable mention; showing that great improvement is manifest over past exhibitions. Our farmers evidently intend to cultivate the soil thoroughly, thus securing good crops.

JOHN LESLIE,  
L. R. PECK,  
D. L. HINE.

A. B. TUCKER, Sec.

No official record of the day. The writer turns to his diary: "Oct. 2. Funeral of Rev. Lyman Richardson. Plowing match at John Adams's. Binghamton Band arrive just at night. Oct. 3. Last day of Fair. Cloudy, with some sunshine. Cool. Binghamton Band in attendance.

Says John Howell: "A lady in a buggy on the grounds was attacked by a hive of bees. The horse reared, ran. D. L. Hine seized the animal by the bit, and though carried in the air and dragged on the ground, brought the animal to a stop."

Amasa B. Tucker says: "The last Fair down-town was on a splendid day and was a great success. I was commissioned to go to Binghamton to buy various supplies in provisions, etc., and to engage the Binghamton Band. The Band was met at Great Bend, by a four-horse team driven by L. R. Peck. He came down Peck's hill with a great flourish, the



band playing as well as they could, with the effort they were obliged to make to retain their seats. By the time the run through town was made, there was a lively scene.

"The Band helped to make a great day of it. To add to the success also, that beloved man, the pastor of the Congregational Church (Rev. Miller) made a felicitous address at the close that won the hearts of all. He said he did not know why they asked him to address them, as he had no experience in agriculture, had no land on which to raise anything. From that address a subscription was started, land purchased and given him. Some took their grain, fruit, etc., directly from the Fair to him as a donation.

"The ground fenced in for the Fair was more than filled; was crowded; and had been on previous years; something must be done. The new ground was finally located on the Fowler Peck farm.

"That was the last day of my official connection with the Fair."

Nov. 2, 1867. Meeting of Society. Report of committee read.—Few being present; adjournment.

Nov. 9, 1867. Report of committee appointed to locate a new Fair Ground: "We have examined Mr. Peck's grounds and think them preferable to any elsewhere. Dr. C. C. Edwards is willing the lease of his grounds [old Fair Ground] should expire at any time."

Voted that the Society accept Fowler Peck's offer, with the additional privilege of erecting all pens necessary, and also trimming the trees for convenience. Also to cut down trees that may be in the way in making a track for driving. That a committee of six be appointed to determine amount of land and fix boundaries. The same committee.—That the lease be drawn for ten years with the privilege of twenty. That the Executive Committee proceed to prepare the ground and make all necessary arrangements. That the fence be 8 ft. high; posts of chestnut, rails of hemlock.

And now with the note of preparation in the air; large plans being laid out; a bigger sweep, a wider circle; more influence and more money ahead; let us stop a moment to consider the situation.

(1) The distraction of the Civil War did not put out this enterprise. It kept its footing during the fateful years, 1861-1865. The gloom that at times enveloped the community was heart-sickening. Our young men leaving for the front with a good chance of never returning alive. Our people running in debt to raise money to ward off the repeated calls for more men, by granting heavy bounties for enlistment.

Miss Blackman's history gives the names of 102 men from Harford.

During all of 1863 the draft hung over the town but did not strike. Enlistments continued from the township. Men were putting in substitutes. During the summer groups of volunteers were leaving the town. Feb. 1, 1864, the President ordered a draft of 300,000. Harford's portion was 19. A meeting of our citizens was held to consider the question of taxation for bounties. Nothing was done. Another meeting perfected the plan, at the Village school house. The Supervisors were to borrow money, giving ten bonds, each having the signatures of six men, to be redeemed by taxation. They offered \$300 for volunteers. Our quota required \$5700.

March 15, the President called for 200,000 volunteers. Our quota was 14. The evening of March 25, the Supervisors made report. The first call was pretty certain to be filled, but the project to levy another tax for this second call met with violent opposition; an exciting time. It was subsequently carried, however, and by the last of April our town had cleared itself on both calls. The Supervisors had done nobly, but they were severely censured by many. P. Carpenter had taken each volunteer to Scranton as fast as secured; had him sworn in; paid him his bounty on the spot.

In fifty days, 500,000 men! This was the order, July 18, bringing on a draft, September 5. Our Supervisors were back and forth from Scranton every few days; and Harford again decided to raise money for bounties by taxation, through much opposition. The banks would not lend, and all had to be gathered here. This was the result of a meeting August 9. Many young men declared they would run away, otherwise. Again we escaped a draft.

The faces that met the new year, 1865, were sober. An-

other call had been issued in December for 300,000 more, and it was said our quota would be 40. A month passed. Several had gone to Montrose to volunteer; it seemed certain we must stand a draft. But by the middle of February Harford had concluded to pay bounties thus: \$510 to each enlisting man, and the same to any one who would put in a substitute; \$300 of this was to be raised by tax, \$210 by subscription. To fill the quota required \$5610. This sum was all raised and paid in cash in three or four days. Six men put in substitutes. They paid from \$850 to \$1000.

The last agony was over. The rebellion was tottering. Amid all the horrors of these years the draft was the dreaded thing to Harford. To say that \$50,000 was spent (March, '63 to March, '65) to prevent it, is below the truth, without doubt.

(2) In February, 1864, T. J. Carr circulated a subscription to build a graded school house. The draft put this out of sight. October, 1865, the Directors said, "It is expedient, necessary, to build a large house." During spring and summer of 1866 plans for school houses in several districts were projected and lands purchased. A heavy school tax levied! October 1, 1867, the graded building was done, \$2350! And by 1874, ten school houses dotted the valleys of Harford; six built outright, and four purchased.

## CHAPTER IV

### THE HARFORD BRASS BAND

THIS organization, during its life, played for the Fair six times. In its struggle to become a creditable musical company, early in its life, the Society advanced money and entered into a contract. This justifies a chapter in this book to its history.

Geo. W. Peck, a brother of L. R. Peck, returned from Massachusetts in January, 1850, bringing an E flat soprano-Saxe horn; the first instrument of the kind ever used in Harford. He played alone for two years, acquiring considerable facility; having a strong desire to see a band organized. In New Milford he found a second-hand Cornopean; subsequently bought by E. K. Richardson, who played alto. Coolidge Gates assisted to two more instruments, the B flat Alto being taken by Henry G. Williams, a son of Walter M. Williams. One evening during a singing school, the three commenced playing a march near the church, "with tremendous effect." A spirit was 'roused all over town. A subscription was started and an instrument belonging to Ralph H. Eaton, E flat Tenor, was purchased for \$8. Mr. Peck gave notice for a public meeting at the Center school house, and "The Harford Brass Band" was organized. Walter M. Williams took the Tenor horn, playing a bass part with it. Russell R. Thacher and Wallace L. Thacher joined as snare (small drum) and bass drummers.

This band of six members, Mr. Peck believes, was organized in 1855, but the writer thinks Mr. Peck refers to an earlier and smaller organization. The first time we served the public was July 3, 1858, on an invitation to Brooklyn. For some reason now unknown, we lacked a bass drum. Nothing daunted Mr. Peck ordered a tin shell made by Oliver Payne. It was  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ft. high and 28 in. in diameter. Williams donated the skins for the heads, Thacher the cord, straps, labor, and the second day of July it was ready for use. As it was dry-

ing in the sun, Thacher struck it remarking, "There's thunder in it"; an assertion pretty well borne out by the response.

We attracted considerable attention. Our large drum, "born and brought up in three days," was the largest part of the whole concern. But when the sentiment or toast at the celebration, Brooklyn, was given: "Our music, both vocal and instrumental! Honor to whom honor is due," our leader quieted our glee by saying it might mean a comparison between the two by intelligent people, and the verdict be against us.

G. W. Peck had long been a fifer, and for a variation, he and the two drummers were ready for anything in the line of martial music. An old gentleman, Elijah Newton, joined us, remarking that he and his fife had served in the War of 1812. He could play well. July 5, same year, we played for a Sabbath School celebration in the Village. Soon after we obtained an excellent First Bass instrument from Mr. Fordham, Montrose, for \$16, and Geo. L. Richardson, brother of E. K. Richardson, was brought into the band. Now we could render music, acceptably. The writer remembers, as though yesterday, the little concerts, the two Georges and E. K. gave the Village people, after the band had broken up for the night, and the rest of us had reached home, and they were at the fork of road beyond Waldron's, where they must separate. The quiet night air softened the melody, and though there were but three parts to the music, the players were good ones. Many a bedroom window went up to listen to the little group that seemed unwilling to say good-night to each other. But in one year Geo. Richardson died. (October 9, 1859).

October 1, 1860, there was a reorganization. Money was subscribed by citizens; and in June 1861, we purchased several instruments in Bethany, Wayne Co., that formerly belonged to the band in that place. One was an E flat Bass (Contra Bass), an octave lower than anything we yet had; another was a Baritone. The writer remembers Hail Columbia as the first tune played at the first meeting for practice. The result was electrical. E. K. sprang to his feet; we fairly yelled with delight. Dodworth's Band, New York, was nowhere, in comparison. We were nine in number. Our first public perform-

ance was at the Sabbath School celebration of the Congregational church, united with the Grove and Oakley schools, in the grove near Tyler Brewster's. William H. Jessup, Esq., gave an address. September 19 we played for the Sabbath School at Moxley's. That Fall we played for the Fair.

To assist us in purchasing our instruments in Bethany, costing us \$44, the Society gave us (June 27, 1861) \$25. We entered into contract to play for the Fairs, free. This continued four years. New members joining at this time paid money. And the old members contributed also. We purchased Zouave caps. This was the limit of any attempt at uniforms.

June 5, 1862, on invitation of Rev. Willard Richardson, pastor at Kirkwood, our leader composed a dirge and took three of us—his brother Lyman, H. G. Williams, W. L. Thacher—to the funeral of Turner Southworth, Liberty township. He had come home in his coffin from the war. On reaching the spot, we found that a band from Binghamton was to be present. We hid our instruments and entered the throng. Having soldiers' caps on, we were soon picked out for bearers. The body had been embalmed and the face, though somewhat stained, was one of manly beauty. The music was excellent; the dirge solemn, but at the close they finished with a selection that had "John Brown's body" for the central harmony; the first time that Susquehanna county ever heard this melody. Our leader, before night, had put the tune into notes, for each of us, and in an hour we were playing it.

July 3, 1862, we again played for the Sabbath School celebration. Several schools joined and S. B. Chase, Esq., addressed us on the Fair Ground. We were ten in number. Our instrumentation was: E. K. Richardson, Soprano, leader; G. W. Peck, Soprano; H. G. Williams, 1st Alto; D. McKnown, 2d Alto; L. E. Richardson, Tenor; H. G. Blanding, 1st Bass; W. L. Thacher, Baritone; W. M. Williams, Contra Bass; R. R. Thacher, Snare Drum; D. B. Thacher, Bass Drum. Of this band, only G. W. Peck, Henry G. Williams and W. L. Thacher are living.

The next day we accompanied an excursion to Elk Moun-

tain. A collection was taken for our pay, and our treasurer, paying us our allotments in accepted currency, retained the silver thus gathered on Prospect Rock, in a box, for a long time. It was the last coin in circulation for many years.

We accompanied the boys of Co. F, 141st Reg., to New Milford, August 22; and the boys of Co. B, 17th Pa. Cavalry, September 18. They were leaving for Harrisburg. Just enlisted. Many were present to see them off. It was lonesome to have them go. September 25, we played for a War meeting in Harford.

Roscoe F. Loomis, Co. F, 141st Reg., Pa., had died of wounds at Chancellorsville, May, 1863. Brought home, the funeral took place at Union Hall, near his father's house (Dr. Elisha N. Loomis), and the burial in the Wilmarth ground, now "Maplewood Cemetery." Our leader had rearranged our dirge for all the band, and around the open grave the mournful notes floated out on the still air. The passer-by, to-day, can see his stone with the dear old Flag sculptured upon it, a few feet within the wall, by the roadside.

June 19, 1863, we played for a Democratic mass meeting in Lenox. July 4, a Democratic mass meeting in Montrose. July 10, a Republican mass meeting in Clifford.

The years following made changes. Some members left the place; one had enlisted; during the political campaign of 1864 there were seven: G. W. Peck, W. M. Williams, L. E. Richardson, H. G. Blanding, John Carpenter, R. R. Thacher, D. B. Thacher. Political meetings furnished them considerable business. September 17, a Democratic mass meeting at Montrose. October 1, a Republican mass meeting, Montrose. This trip paid each member \$4.50; and the cash distributed was in "Lincoln skins" as one of the members designated the fractional currency. October 6, a McClellan Club, New Milford.

At the Fair that year, October 5, E. K. Richardson, then teaching in New Jersey, made Harford a visit, bringing a superior instrument and leading his old band, to their great satisfaction.

In all the journeys made, the long nights of travel home, sometimes in the rain, the good nature of the company kept up,

with jokes, stories, etc. "Walt" often proposed "to speak at the Red school house that night."

In 1865 Prof. J. A. Sophia was leader. September 24, 1866, we went to Montrose. September 25, to Smiley, mass meeting and pole raising. Just before the Fair we came in collision with the Executive Committee. One number of the band was obstinate, and they sought the music elsewhere. In 1867 we were still out of business. But four members constituted a drum corps, July 4. In 1868 the Binghamton Band superseded us, but in 1869 we were again serving the Fair. It was at this time that the photo, Plate VI., was taken. The band occupy the center, while pupils of the S. O. S. stand in rank at the right. Col. Amherst Carpenter on horseback.

New member at various times were: G. L. Payne, Noyes Newton, Capt. C. M. Cook, "Abe" Eaton, W. B. Guile, Lee Tiffany, Amos Tanner, H. G. Williams. Our trips netted us a little cash, but we did not get rich. In the years to 1870 W. L. Thacher and L. E. Richardson were leaders, and under the latter's musical ability and enthusiasm we were doing well, when his health failed and he died (January 2, 1870). That Fair, October 6, had "good music" (so the diary reads); but not the Harford Brass Band. Nor was the band alive in 1871.

In the summer of 1872 we revived once more under the name of Harford Cornet Band. A fragment of a band in New Milford united with what was left of ours, with the intention to make as much money as possible out of the Presidential and Gubernatorial campaign of that year, and then disband. D. B. Thacher was leader, Prof. E. K. Richardson, Principal of New Milford Graded School, wrote our music, and met with us when convenient, playing the Baritone. For mutual accommodation we sometime met for practice at "the old Mott tavern," then occupied by Mr. Kettle. Our engagements were quite numerous. August 29, at Gibson. October 1, at a Greeley meeting, New Milford. October 3, the Harford Fair. On these grounds, October 5, a mass meeting, Democratic; address by F. E. Loomis, Esq., Scranton; Greeley for President, Buckalew for Governor. Late in the afternoon a photograph of ourselves, a gallery being in the Village. The



writer possesses one. There were ten of us: D. B. Thacher, leader, Soprano; Melvin Hagar, 2d Soprano; A. Lee Tiffany, 1st Alto; Noyes Newton, 2d Alto; C. A. Sackett, Tenor; Prof. E. K. Richardson, Baritone; Mr. Stevens, 1st Bass; John Courtright, E flat Bass; R. R. Thacher, Snare Drum; W. L. Thacher, Bass Drum. Of this band, three are dead, two are in business in distant cities; four are unknown. Only the writer remains in Harford.

Election day, 1872, ending all engagements, by previous consent we disbanded, and the Harford Cornet Band passed into oblivion, having a history of seventeen years. The band born twenty-five years later came into its name and place.

Several times in the earlier years the people subscribed liberally. A band was considered a credit to the place; a thing of enjoyment to the people; a mark of public spirit. The assistance of the Society has already been noticed. Our relations with the Fair managers were not always harmonious. Our time; practice, expense entitled us (we believed) to more than they were willing to pay.

Our tin drum finally collapsed, and a bass drum belonging to the old Artillery Company, in the possession of Henry Spearbeck, was substituted. It is believed the present drum of the Gibson Band once belonged to our band.

We were fortunate in our leader. The talent of E. K. Richardson, in music, was everywhere recognized. Nearly all our music was arranged by him; some was composed by him; the hours spent in all this labor are beyond computation; and only occasionally did he get the lion's share in our earnings. In 1876 he was leader of a band in Great Bend, second in the county. In 1890 he was leader of a large fine band in Hackettstown, N. J. For the Franklin Academy Reunion, June 14, 1900, he arranged, by request, Auld Lang Syne, for the Harford Cornet Band of recent years. It was planned that a chorus should accompany the band, singing a hymn of Julius Tyler's composing. When Prof. Richardson forwarded the music, he wrote that it "revived old memories." Alas! he died before the Reunion came on. (May 19, 1900.)

During the War we played at a pole-raising at Moxley's (Baptist Church). Uncle Frank Moxley remarked that he

could not help us much, but would cheerfully do something, handing us a \$5 bill. Prof. Richardson at this time made a short speech. He said that the arithmetic taught us that the value of the figure 1 might be multiplied by 10 by annexing a cipher at its right; that it might be divided by 10 by prefixing a cipher to its left. We must be careful as life runs on that the cipher creeps in on the right side of No. 1.

Mr. Peck constructed a violin from cigar boxes whose tones were plainly heard above the din of the double dragg and two bass drum sticks, a quarter of a mile away.

A constitution was early framed, and signed by every member. One of its provisions imposed a fine of \$5 on any member who should become intoxicated. There was always temptation. For it seemed to be a standing rule with every crowd that the music should be "treated."

Our places of meeting for practice were various. The old tannery being Mr. Williams's place of labor, was comfortable in cold weather. The Center school house, Village, has resounded to the din of our discords many times. The old house of Daniel Thacher, formerly standing across road from the Russell Thacher homestead, was a favorite place in summer. The former store of the Eatons, later the Hinds, later Granger Hall, has been honored with our dulcet strains; and the room over Saxa Seymour's store, the scene of so many events in Harford history, was used during War days. L. E. Richardson occupied this at one time for a book bindery, and it was entered by stairs on outside of building. The Graded school building after 1867 was a place of practice. Occasionally we went up to Harford Universty (Franklin Academy); and on our way home nights would amuse ourselves with an echo that we found in the road about 40 rods from Loren T. Farrar's house, westward. The echo was lost when Capt. Asahel Sweet's old home was demolished. Two measures of music on a horn, passing over the space, and striking the side of the house would be faithfully returned to us.

Some of the earliest tunes were: Village Quickstep, Russian March, Dixie, Susquehanna Quickstep, Canary Solo, John Brown, Hail Columba, Agawam Quickstep, Red, White and Blue, Star Spangled Banner, Home Sweet Home. As the

years went on we improved in capacity and ability. The Harford Cornet Band, under the leadership of D. B. Thacher, in 1872 could render acceptable, high-class music. Among our selections were: Wild Waves, Spirit Waltz, Battle Parade, Banner Quickstep, Glen Polka, Fire Fly, Continental Quickstep, Long Live America, Charming May, Vale Waltz, Gently Breathe, Guards Quickstep.

In closing these recollections of days gone forever, our experiences in band life come vividly back. If heaven be reached the good shall all be lived over again; the bad, never forgotten, mercifully forgiven. Foremost of all we learned at last that there was no money in such an organization. Our time, practice, expenses, were never balanced by corresponding profits. Unless we reckoned our enjoyment as pay, we were losers. Again, we found that men who must earn their daily bread by daily labor, could never make a band whose music would excel. We were losing old members continually, and breaking in new ones, a wet blanket to good playing. And lastly, there were members who would drink; who would be low in their communications; a constant example and incentive for evil to those not strong in principle to resist.

## CHAPTER V

## SECOND FAIR GROUND—FAIRS OF '68 TO '75

FEBRUARY 3, 1868. Meeting at Schoolhouse. E. T. Tiffany, Secretary, *pro tem*. Treasurer reported \$770.52. Officers elected by acclamation: President, John Blanding; Vice President, H. M. Jones; Secretary, John C. Tanner; Treasurer, W. B. Guile.

L. R. Peck offered his resignation as member of Executive Committee. Resignation accepted. P. Carpenter elected member of Executive Committee for three years, and Ira H. Parrish for one year.—(The other member, D. L. Hine.)

E. N. Carpenter and G. J. Babcock elected Auditors.

Moved that the system of selling badges of membership and for admission to the Fair grounds be abolished. Carried. That any person, by paying one dollar and subscribing to the constitution shall be a member for one year, and shall be entitled to four admission tickets. That an admission fee of ten cents be charged for colts between the ages of one and two years; for older horses twenty-five cents each for each admission. Adjourned.

And thus the badges disappeared. The writer possesses six of them. They were bits of ribbon, about three inches long and one and a half inches wide. That for 1860 is blue; stamped in a circle, "Harford Fair, 1860." Next, pink, "Harford Fair, 1861." Purple, "Harford Fair" (year omitted). Pink, "Harford Fair, 1865." Yellow, "Harford Agricultural Society, Oct. 4, 1866." Pink, "Harford Agricultural Society, Oct. 8, 1867."

It is evident that the system was troublesome; and was ended, gladly.

February 11, 1868. J. C. Tanner declined to act as Secretary. G. M. Gamble chosen, *pro tem*. H. J. Tiffany elected Secretary.

Committee on new grounds, through D. L. Hine, reported

that they had not fully decided the bounds; asked for instructions as to amount of land. Instructed to procure at least ten acres.

Committee appointed to revise and rewrite the constitution and by-laws. (On motion of Ira Carpenter): John Blanding, G. J. Babcock, G. M. Gamble. Secretary added to this committee.

The resolution of last meeting entitling members to four admission tickets was reconsidered and laid on the table.

Moved that a committee of five be appointed to revise by-laws in regard to admission. That the resolution of last meeting in regard to colts and horses be reconsidered. Referred to the committee of five.

Committee: E. T. Tiffany, W. B. Guile, Ira Carpenter, H. M. Jones, O. Grinnell. Secretary to put up notices one week before next meeting.

February 25, 1868. E. T. Tiffany, Secretary, *pro tem*. So few being present, adjourned to March 5.

March 5, 1868, E. T. Tiffany, Secretary, *pro tem*. Report of committee of five adopted. As follows:

Section 1. The price of admission tickets shall be \$0.25. Children under six years, free; over six and under twelve, \$0.10.

Sec. 2. Any person paying \$1.00 shall be entitled to two admission tickets and one card of membership.

Sec. 3. The card of membership shall have its owner's name upon it, and shall entitle him to exhibit articles or stock and compete for premiums in any or all classes except horses and mules. These shall pay an admission fee. Provided, that articles in Classes VII., VIII., XII., XIII., XIV., may compete without card of membership.

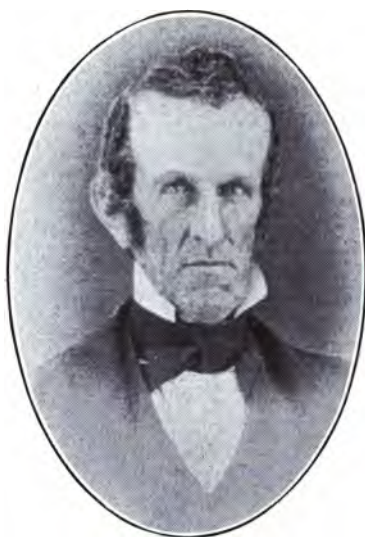
Sec. 4. Membership card shall not be transferrable. Shall admit its owner only, at any time, or number of times during the Fair. Subject to regulations of Executive Committee.

Sec. 5. An officer's or policeman's badge shall permit its bearer to pass any of the gates, in or out, at any time.

Sec. 6. Colts under three years shall be admitted free. Single horses, with or without carriage or wagon shall be charged \$0.25 for each admission. A pair of horses, as above,



*H. M. Jones*



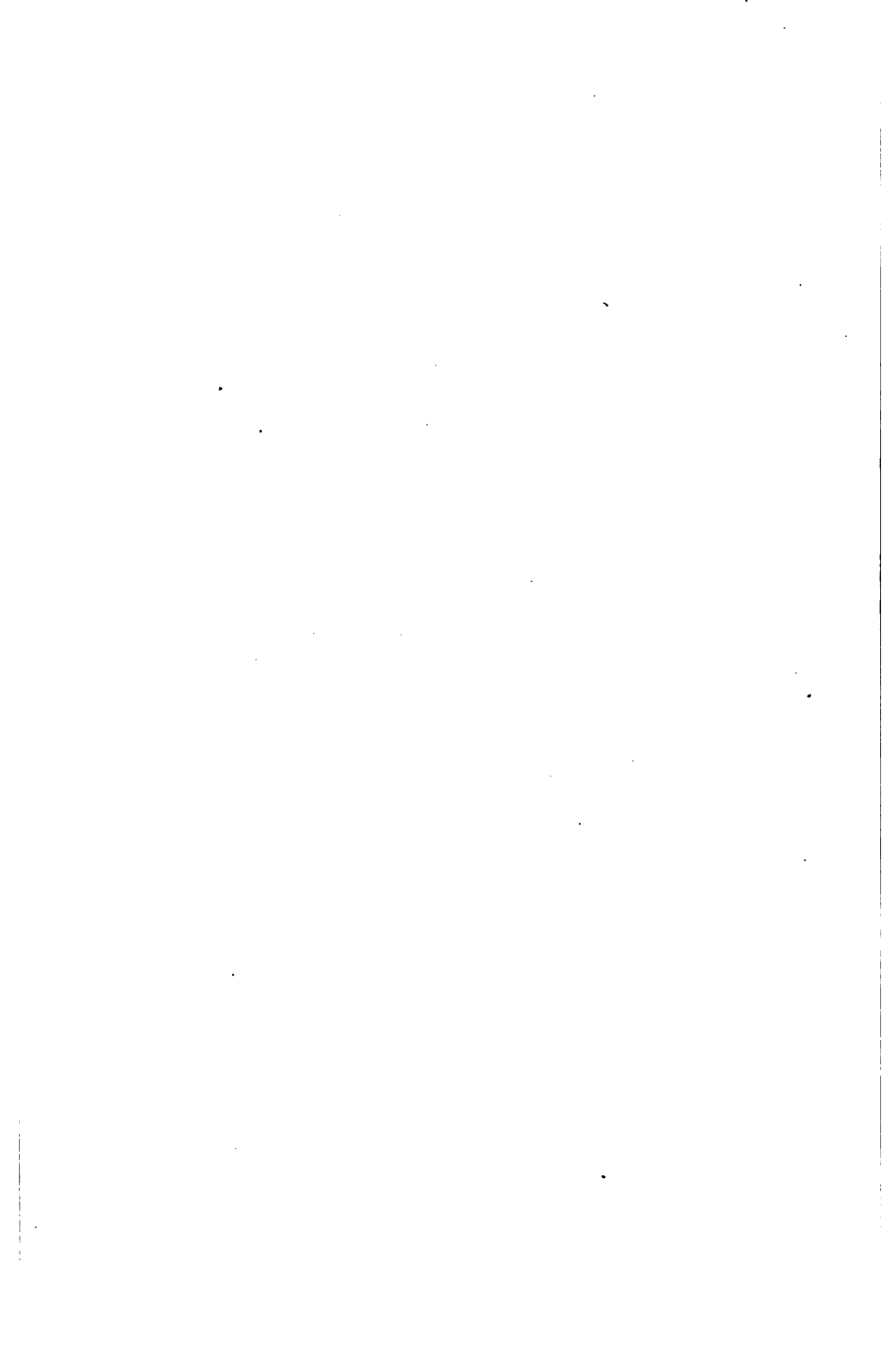
*Edwin Tingley.*



*L. T. Farrar.*



*J. C. Tamm  
Postmaster, J. C. Tamm*



\$0.50. Provided, That all colts in harness and attached to any vehicle shall be rated as horses.

Sec. 7. All resolutions and by-laws conflicting with the above, are repealed.

Resolved, Order of business at Society's meetings: 1. Reading of minutes. At annual meeting, constitution shall also be read. 2. Reports. 3. Election, and miscellaneous business.

Constitution, Art. 4, amended: Vacancies occurring in any office may be filled by the remaining officers of the Society, or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

#### 1868—LIST OF ORDERS DRAWN ON TREASURER

April	4—Ira H. Parrish, posts.....	No. 1	\$ 60.00
June	12—Ira H. Parrish, labor.....	No. 2	100.00
Sept.	4—Ira H. Parrish, labor.....	No. 3	100.00
Sept.	8—J. M. Leslie, lumber.....	No. 4	90.00
Sept.	8—Geo. W. Peck, lumber.....	No. 5	5.00
Sept.	14—Ira H. Parrish, labor.....	No. 6	100.00
Sept.	19—Ira H. Parrish, V. Williams....	No. 7	31.50
Sept.	23—A. J. & A. M. Stearns, lumber....	No. 8	74.80
Oct.	17—Ira H. Parrish, lumber.....	No. 9	120.00
Oct.	29—Guile & Eaton, nails, etc.....	No. 10	60.00
Oct.	29—Gate Keepers, Police, etc., labor..	No. 11	
Oct.	29—L. R. Peck, fare of band.....	No. 12	10.00
Nov.	11—P. Carpenter, band dinners.....	No. 13	17.00
Nov.	11—D. L. Hine, labor and salary....	No. 14	77.50
Nov.	11—Ira H. Parrish, labor and salary..	No. 15	84.00
Nov.	11—P. Carpenter, labor and salary...	No. 16	75.00
Jan.	29—H. J. Tiffany, services.....	No. 17	15.00

These orders foot \$1020. The Treasurer reported February 3, \$770. The deficit, \$250, was borrowed. Some of these items are expenses of Fair, 1868.

"The great expense," says A. Lee Tiffany, "of moving buildings and fitting up the new grounds was relieved very much by the liberal action of the farmers in giving labor and lumber. This work was done under the supervision of I. H. Parrish, D. L. Hine, P. Carpenter."



Seven of these orders, footing \$595, are in the name of Ira H. Parrish. He had sold his farm and could give his whole time to the work. The Society owes him a debt of gratitude for persistent, well-directed management and labor, all this summer of '68. Mr. Parrish died, 1885.

This Fair Ground is in lot 4 of the Nine Partner tract; the purchase of Samuel Thacher. The grounds have been lengthened from time to time until now (1907) the N. W. corner is on the Nine Partner line, N. W. side of the tract. The land inclosed is mostly level; the location for the buildings is very fortunate, being on the main road to New Milford. The woods are in part sugar-maples of large size. Some hemlocks, beeches. The driveway is fine. And on the south end is the large house and fine barn of C. H. Johnston, occupied by the tenant of "Fair Ground Farm." And all on the hill-top, just N. of the Village.

The lease, May 1868, signed by Fowler Peck, owner of the farm, gives the land ten years or more, without any recompense except the privilege of erecting an eating-house adjoining the farm house. The price of meals to be agreed upon by Mr. Peck and Committee. The ground is 56 rods on public highway and contains about 10 acres.

Plate III. is a photograph of this Fair Ground from the best point of view in the township: On East Hill; road to Gibson; a few rods below or W. of the "old Cherry Tree"; and just below the "Corners," top of Jones's hill. The buildings appear behind the tall fence as just outside a grove. These buildings, increased by the Log Cabin, Fair Ground farm house and large barn, south end, form a long row, and impress the traveler over East Hill, as making a very extensive settlement. The woods on the grounds prevent views from other places in the township.

Plate VI. is a view of the interior of grounds during the Fair of 1869.

Plate IV. is a reverse photograph: On the grounds, looking towards East Hill "Corners" and "Cherry Tree." These two are above the dense woods and a little to the left of the center. This is one of the finest views in the township. The distance is about a mile. The roads ascending East Hill lay

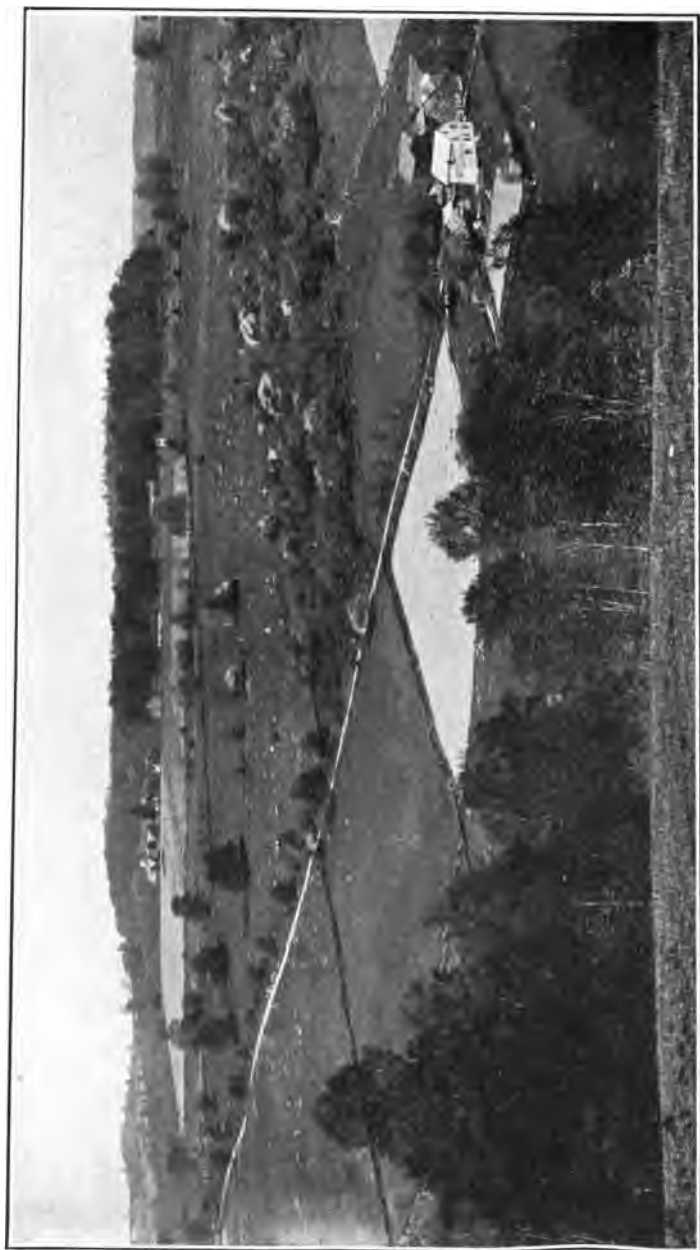


PLATE III.—SECOND GROUNDS—VIEW FROM EAST HILL.





PLATE IV.—VIEW EASTWARD FROM FAIR GROUNDS.

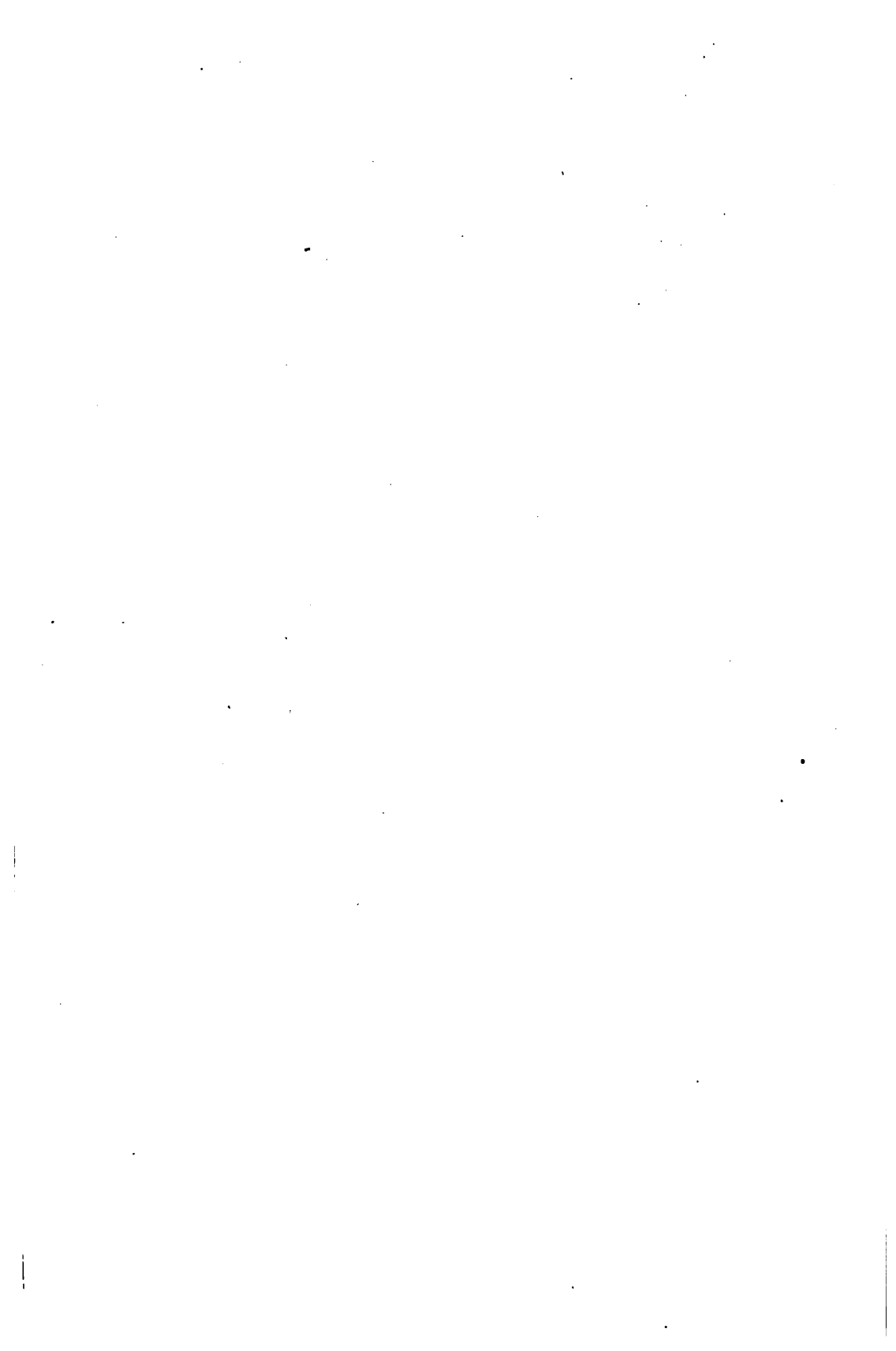




PLATE V.—HARFORD VILLAGE FROM FAIR GROUNDS.



open to the sight; the farms and meadows are quite regular in shape; the woods make a beautiful setting to the landscape; the blue hills beyond end in the two peaks of Elk Mountain. In the warm mellow sunshine of September days, many a speaker at the Fair has grown enthusiastic over this view; complimenting us on a location and scenery not surpassed in the State.

Plate V. is a view of the town from the hill-top, just outside the ground, looking south. From no other point does the "pretty little Village," as characterized by Chester Vail, appear to such advantage. One long main street lies before the sight. White houses amid many shade trees and with the two Churches as sentinels overlooking the rank and file. Very distinctly lies the Cemetery where the "forefathers of the hamlet sleep," as also many of the founders of Harford Agricultural Society. (Photo taken May, 1907.)

In bidding "Good-by" to the old grounds, we cannot but say that the old location was very pleasant; given up with some regret. Its ground sloped to the southeast; and travelers passing over the road to Gibson, above the old home of R. R. Thacher, often stopped on Fair Days to watch the happy crowd in the inclosure, moving about, or basking in the warm, mellow light of an October day; the strain of music softened by the distance of half a mile. See Plate II.

October 6, 1868. Meeting of officers. Resolved, Any person holding exhibitor's tickets and paying for admission of horse or horses once, shall be entitled to pass the gates with same at any time.

2. Any person driving on the grounds to carry articles for exhibition, may pass his team free, provided he return immediately.

The Eleventh Annual Fair will be held on new grounds, October 7 and 8, 1868.

Premium list foots \$576.50. Alderneys and Ayrshires, blooded stock, came in for the first time.

General Superintendent, A. Carpenter. Cattle, N. Tompkins, V. Williams. Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Wm. E. Tingley,



Willard Wilmarth. Dairy Hall, H. G. Parrish. Fruit, Vegetables, A. B. Tucker. Mechanics' Hall, John Leslie. Farming Implements, L. R. Peck. Floral Hall, F. H. Tiffany, G. L. Payne, Miss E. G. Blanding, Miss Sophronia M. Farrar.

Regulations: The Plowing Match will be near the Village, first day. Superintendents of the different departments will have all animals and articles systematically arranged. The officers of the Society and superintendents will be known by their official badges. Persons exhibiting full blood stock for premiums must show their pedigree to the satisfaction of the judges. And judges reporting before 11 A. M., will be furnished a free ticket for dinner.

The Binghamton Band will be in attendance.

IRA H. PARRISH,  
D. L. HINE,  
P. CARPENTER.

H. J. TIFFANY, Sec.

No official record of the day. Our diary says, "Cloudy, rainy, cold wind."

Says the diary of D. L. Hine: "Commenced raining at 9 A. M. Muddy time."

In the list of premiums we notice: Best native cow, G. M. Gamble.—Best working oxen, A. B. Tucker.—Best pail butter, J. M. Potter.—Best carriage harness, D. B. Thatcher.—Best woolen mittens, Mrs. Jackson Tingley.—Best plowing, Edgar Farrar.—Second, L. R. Peck.—Third, M. B. Hand.—Fourth, Joel Harding.—Fifth, J. D. Howell.—Sixth, H. Hill.—Discretionary, Wm. Chapman.

February 1, 1869. Annual Meeting. Treasurer reported \$8.56. Present officers re-elected: President, John Blanding; Vice President, H. M. Jones; Secretary, H. J. Tiffany; Treasurer, W. B. Guile; Executive Committee, D. L. Hine, P. Carpenter, Ira H. Parrish.—Committee to revise by-laws continued one year. Executive Committee requested to state how much cost to finish fitting the grounds. Executive Committee authorized to place buildings and grounds in proper condition, and make a loan for the purpose.

W. B. Guile offered the following: "That the Society issue

a pass for \$0.50 which shall have the person's name upon it; which pass shall entitle the holder to pass on and off the grounds at any time during the Fair. Not transferrable; if transferred, forfeited." Adopted.

The Twelfth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held on the new Fair Grounds, Wednesday and Thursday, October 6 and 7, 1869.

Premium list foots \$589.50. Class II. has eight subdivisions: Durhams, Devons, Alderneys, Ayershires, Grade Durhams, Grade Devons, Natives, Oxen. Class IV. Poultry, had not yet assumed the place and length it was destined to take. Premiums offered were only \$7.50.

General Superintendent, A. Carpenter. Horses, J. M. Leslie. Cattle, G. A. Lindsey, W. Jeffers. Dairy Hall, Jos. T. Tiffany. Fruit, Vegetables, L. E. Carpenter. Mechanics' Hall, John Leslie. Farm Implements, L. R. Peck. Floral Hall, F. H. Tiffany, S. E. Carpenter, Mrs. J. C. Tanner, Mrs. H. Grant.

Regulations: The Plowing Match will be near the Village on the old Fair ground, Wednesday, October 1, 1869. Membership tickets, not transferrable, will be sold for \$1.00 entitling such members to admission at all times during the Fair, and also two single tickets. All teams an admission fee; single horses \$0.25; two horses \$0.50. Single tickets, one person, \$0.25.

IRA H. PARRISH,  
D. L. HINE,  
P. CARPENTER.

H. J. TIFFANY, Sec.

In the award of premiums we notice J. S. Tarbell, judge on horses; M. L. Catlin on Alderneys; Seth Abel on oxen; A. G. Hollister on grain; H. N. Smith and Lewis Brainard on fruit and vegetables; Dennis Shay on sugar; S. W. Breed on agricultural implements; E. M. Tiffany and Mrs. M. C. Dikeman on domestics; all, persons out of Harford.

We also notice best pair horses, P. C. Conklin; best single driving horse, S. B. Guile; best Durham cow, H. C. Conklin; best Devon bull, G. L. Corwin; best Alderney bull, R. W.

Gellat.—In Grade Durhams, L. R. Peack leads; in Grade Devons, A. B. Tucker; in Natives, E. R. Tanner; in Oxen, A. J. Adams.—In sheep, Chas. M. Parrish leads; in swine, Amos Sherwood; in poultry, Chas. N. Forsyth; in grain, B. F. Hine; in fruit, F. O. Potter; in vegetables, H. W. Wellman.—Alvin Stearns, best butter; A. Van Buskirk, best roll butter; Mrs. E. J. Tyler, best wheat bread; Rev. Miller, best honey; Ira Carpenter, best maple sugar; John S. Adams, best fine boots; G. R. Stiles, best carriage harness; Mrs. H. C. Conklin, best woolen yarn; W. H. Pope & Son, flannels and cassimeres.—Best photographs, G. O. Sweet.

Plowing: E. W. Farrar, L. R. Peck, L. E. Carpenter, R. Hill, E. Ellsworth.

No official report of the Fair. Our diary reads: "October 7. Very pleasant. Warm. The Harford Band played. Attendance quite large." Says the diary of D. L. Hine: "Fine day. Grounds dried off nicely."

At this Fair the photo, Plate VI. was taken. This early view of the new grounds is valuable, showing the location of the first buildings, and difference in structure.

February 7, 1870. Annual Meeting. Vice President Jones in the chair. Treasurer reported \$35.08. Executive Committee could not make report, owing to the absence of Ira Parrish. Chair appointed a committee on nominations. Their selections elected by acclamation: President, H. M. Jones; Vice President, Ira Carpenter; Secretary, Dexter S. Carpenter; Treasurer, G. J. Babcock. Member of Executive Committee, Jackson Tingley. Auditors, E. P. Tiffany, J. C. Tanner.

A basket of books was brought in by Mr. Jones; left by Mr. Blanding for distribution. Placed in hands of Secretary to be read and returned.

A new committee appointed to revise and rewrite the constitution and by-laws: A. A. Eaton, D. L. Hine, E. N. Carpenter.

Moved that the membership tickets be abolished. That admission tickets be: Single, \$0.25. Children under 12, \$0.10. Team, \$0.25. Single horse, \$0.15. That entry fee, plowing match, be \$1.00.

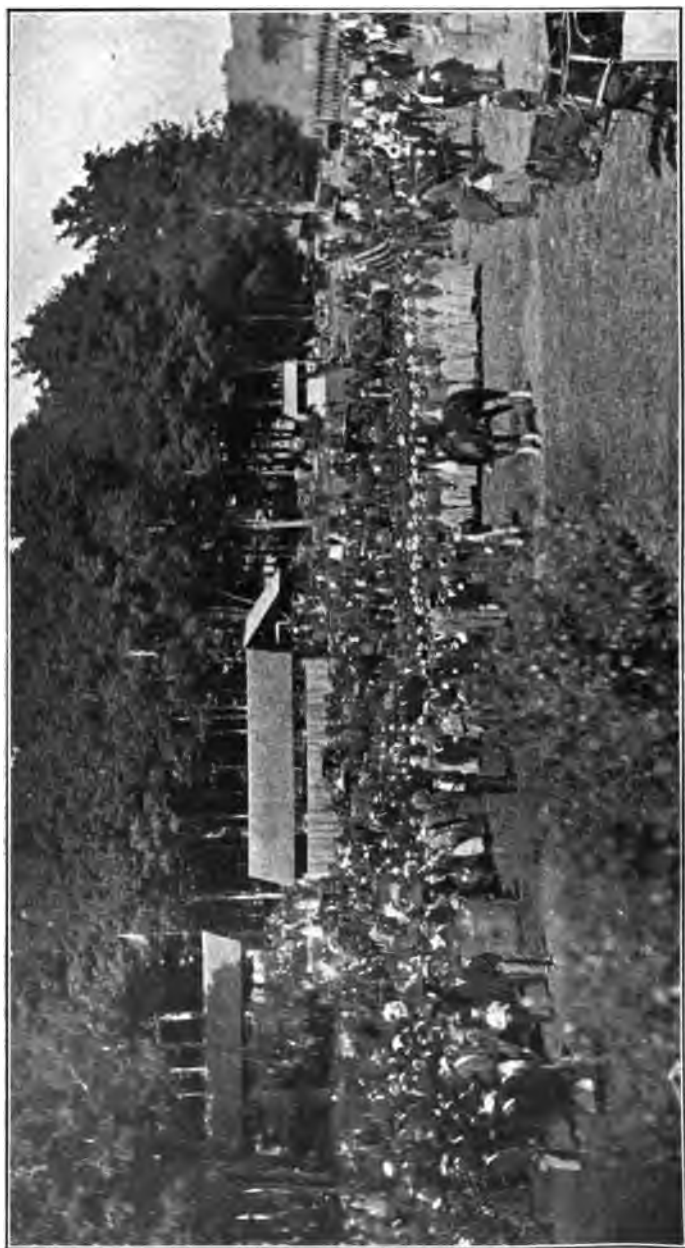


PLATE VI.—INTERIOR OF SECOND OR NEW GROUNDS, 1869.



And so the troublesome question of admission was at last solved. For ten years it had been managed, first by one plan, then by another; with friction, inconvenience, loss of time, trial of patience, all through. Experience brought out a plan, in use to-day.

The Thirteenth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held on the new Fair Grounds, Wednesday and Thursday, October 5 and 6, 1870.

Premium list foots \$587.50. Judges are assigned one, two, sometimes three classes or subdivisions.

General Superintendent, A. Carpenter. Horses, Linus Moore. Cattle, C. N. Forsyth. Sheep, Swine, Poultry, R. L. Tingley.—Floral Hall, John C. Tanner. Mechanics' Hall, John W. White. Dairy Hall, D. M. Farrar. Vegetable Hall, Heber Parrish.

General Police, D. L. Hine.

Regulations: Plowing match will be held on Fowler Peck's farm, Wednesday, October 5. The police will guard property from 9 A. M. Wednesday till 4 P. M. Thursday. (And the other usual regulations, yearly published.)

IRA H. PARRISH,

P. CARPENTER,

D. S. CARPENTER, Sec.

JACKSON TINGLEY,

In the awards N. M. Tingley leads with Durhams; E. T. Tiffany (Dimock), with Devons; H. Marcy with Grade Durhams; Fred. Tingley with Grade Devons; E. R. Tanner with Natives; W. H. Harris and A. B. Tucker with oxen.—Mrs. J. W. Lewis, best firkin of butter; A. Van Buskirk, best pail butter.—Canned fruit is mentioned, Mrs. A. A. Eaton.—W. B. Guile, leather; E. M. Osborn, fine boots; W. Osterhout, buggy.—Miss Nancy Guild, woolen blankets; Mrs. H. M. Jones, crayon paintings; Mrs. S. Richardson, variety of flowers.

Plowing: Geo. E. Chamberlain, L. E. Carpenter, L. R. Peck, M. B. Hand, A. B. Seamans, John D. Howell. Discretionary, to J. M. Harding, Eleazer Ellsworth, Havens Lewis.

No official record of the day. Our diary says, "A year of

drouth; but on Fair Day, showers. Good music." Diary of D. L. Hine: "Dark and threatened rain, but quite an attendance."

Here begins that long service of the writer as Assistant Secretary. Under D. S. Carpenter, S. E. Carpenter, A. Lee Tiffany, E. E. Jones.

The Secretary, with several assistants, was always in his office on the grounds the afternoon of the first day and forenoon of the second. The entries being finished at noon the helpers were excused, but the Secretary had no rest till 4 p. m.

The crowd that awaited service, forenoon of second day was large, often clamorous, and increased with the years. Each applicant named his articles for exhibit. These had to be entered on cards, one for each article, with name of exhibitor. The cards were to be attached to the articles. Before handing them over, they must be entered on small books for the guidance of the judges. This work was much facilitated by one clerk writing only cards, the one next him, only books. The business training and rapid writing of a clerk made him a valued helper at this time.

February 6, 1871. Annual Meeting. Treasurer reported \$24.29. Committee to revise the constitution and by-laws reported. Both read and adopted. Executive Committee reported income insufficient for expenses. They had borrowed \$150 and given their individual notes.

On motion: Resolved, In borrowing this money and saving the credit and reputation of the Society, the Executive Committee have done right. We fully sanction their action, assume the debt, and pledge its payment. Carried, unanimously.

Officers elected by acclamation: President, H. M. Jones; Vice President, Ira Carpenter; Secretary, J. C. Tanner; Treasurer, C. S. Johnston; Executive Committee (one member), D. L. Hine; Auditors, Orlando Watrous, S. E. Carpenter.

Voted that a single horse be \$0.25. (Instead of \$0.15.)

Mr. Parrish, on behalf of Executive Committee, asked for an expression from the Society in relation to a piece of land near Mr. Peck's house, enclosed with the Fair Ground at Mr.



*Ira H. Parrish.*



*D. S. Carpenter.*



*Jackson Tingley*



*Watson Jeffers*





Peck's request. Said land not being included in the lease taken by the Society from Mr. Peck.

Committee instructed by vote to put a fence on the line of the leased land, and comply with said lease in every respect.

Premium on domestic wine abolished. Premium to be offered for best flour manufactured in the county.

The Fourteenth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held on the new Grounds, Wednesday and Thursday, September 27 and 28, 1871.

Premiums offered, \$574.50. The judges appointed from Harford on this Fair were: On horses, G. J. Babcock, Linus Moore. On cattle, Urbane Tingley, G. P. Wilmarth. On sheep, swine, poultry, Naaman Tingley, C. H. Miller. On grain, fruit, vegetables, E. V. Decker, Joseph Powers. On butter, cheese, bread, vinegar, sugar, E. N. Carpenter. On leather, agricultural implements, cabinet work, A. B. Tucker. On domestics, Mrs. S. B. Guile. On needle-work, paintings, Prof. H. S. Sweet, Mrs. W. B. Guile. On plowing, N. Tompkins, Guilford Read, B. F. Hine. On unenumerated articles, A. M. Hammond, A. J. Stearns, J. M. Leslie.

General Superintendent, A. Carpenter. On horses, Elmer Tiel. Cattle, Geo. A. Lindsey. Sheep, swine, poultry, R. L. Tingley. Floral Hall, Prof. E. S. P. Hine, Mrs. H. J. Tyler, Miss Addie Carpenter. Mechanics' Hall, Wm. Patterson. Dairy Hall, Amos Sherwood. Vegetable Hall, Horace Lindsey.

General Police, Nathaniel Tompkins.

I. H. PARRISH,  
JACKSON TINGLEY,  
DAVID L. HINE.

J. C. TANNER, Sec.

In the awards, Wm. Chandler leads on horses, J. M. Potter on Durhams, Aubry Smith on Devons, Oliver Lathrop on Grade Durhams, Freeman Tingley on Grade Devons, C. S. Hallstead on Natives, W. W. Simrell on oxen, and A. B. Tucker, second. In swine, A. B. Tucker. In butter, A. T.

Sweet. In leather, W. B. Guile. In implements, L. R. Peck. In wool mittens, Mrs. C. S. Perkins; second, Miss Rebecca Thacher. In dental work, Dr. G. M. Gamble.

In plowing, L. R. Peck, G. E. Chamberlin, W. H. Lester, S. S. Lathrop, D. T. Roe.

No official record of the day. Our diary reads: "September 27 and 28. Cool, cloudy, lowery days; no rain."

Music not known. Speaker, Rev. Forsyth. The year is remembered as one of excessive drouth. Diary of David L. Hine: "October 2. Settled Fair matters. Money enough to pay all expenses, and \$50 more."

Feb. 5, 1872. Annual Meeting. Treasurer reported \$94.48. Constitution and by-laws read. Officers elected by acclamation: President, H. M. Jones; Vice President, Ira Carpenter; Secretary, S. E. Carpenter; Treasurer, E. T. Tiffany; Executive Committee (one member), I. H. Parrish; Auditors, E. N. Carpenter, A. B. Tucker.

Constitution and by-laws adopted. Exception: Admission fee for colts over two years old, \$0.25.

President read some items for improvement. Voted that the Executive Committee act their own discretion in regard to the improvement. Voted that the compensation of Treasurer be left with Executive Committee. Voted that Mr. Forsyth's address at last Fair be published in the county papers. Left with the President.

The Fifteenth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held on the Fair Grounds, Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 2 and 3, 1872.

Premiums offered, \$575.00. The judges taken from other towns: On Horses, Amasa Trowbridge, Great Bend; Wallace Barnes, Gibson. On Colts and Mules, Harvey Grinnell, New Milford; J. R. Kent, Brooklyn. On Full Bloods, Oliver Lathrop, New Milford; J. L. Gillett, Gibson. On Grade Durhams, Homer Tingley, New Milford; A. J. Tiffany, Brooklyn. On Grade Devons, Hiram Stevens, Clifford; H. Marcy, Lenox. On Natives and Oxen, Evi De Witt, New Milford; Louis

Brainard, Gibson. On Sheep and Swine, H. P. Robbins, Bridgewater; Ferdinand Whipple, Brooklyn. On Poultry, Grain, Fruit, Vegetables, T. D. Reese, Clifford; Eli Barnes, Jackson. On Butter, Cheese, Bread, Vinegar, Flour, Honey, Sugar, Isaac Davis, Clifford; M. J. Decker, Lenox; Leander Griffis, Jackson. On Leather, Boots, Implements, Cabinet Work, Hardware, S. W. Breed, Brooklyn; M. L. Catlin, Bridgewater. On Domestic, Mrs. N. Claflin, Gibson. On Needlework, Paintings, Flowers, H. C. Moxley, New Milford; Miss Mary Decker, Clifford; Miss Louisa Brainard, Gibson.

General Superintendent, Amherst Carpenter. Of horses, Elmer Tiel. Cattle, G. A. Lindsey, Meritt Seeley. Sheep, swine, poultry, R. L. Tingley. Floral Hall, Prof. E. S. P. Hine, G. L. Payne. Assistants: Miss Ettie Hine, Miss Sada Tingley. Mechanics' Hall, J. A. Sophia. Dairy Hall, W. L. Thacher. Vegetable Hall, James Tennant.

General Police, N. Tompkins.

JACKSON TINGLEY,  
DAVID L. HINE,  
IRA H. PARRISH.

S. E. CARPENTER, Sec.

In the awards, premiums on horses and colts are about evenly divided between Harford and other towns. On Durhams and Devons, J. M. Potter, H. C. Conklin, E. T. Tiffany (Dimock), are prominent. Alderneys and Ayershires, W. H. Larrabee, D. J. Tourjee. On grades, L. R. Peck, H. C. Conklin, B. D. Sherwood, H. Marcy, D. P. Little, Fowler Peck. On natives, H. Marcy. Oxen, J. W. Guild, Ira Carpenter. Sheep, Alick M. Leslie. Swine, A. B. Tucker, Mrs. George Leach. Poultry, D. P. Little. Grain, D. P. Little, Eli Barnes. On fruit, vegetables, E. Harper, J. Clark, D. K. Oakley, W. S. Sophia. Butter, A. T. Sweet, Miss Belle Carpenter, Mrs. A. E. Sherwood. Honey, Rev. A. Miller. Buggies, carriages, J. A. Sophia, W. Osterhout. Domestic, Mrs. Jackson Tingley, Mrs. O. N. Tiffany, Mrs. D. E. Whitney, Mrs. A. E. Sherwood. Needlework, Miss S. W. Sherwood, Mrs. James Manson, Miss Ettie Hine. Paintings, Miss Sada Tingley, W. F. Sherwood, Miss Eva Tiffany.

Plowing, L. E. Carpenter, David Andrews, Horace Sweet, H. Marcy, L. R. Peck, Paris Tiffany.

No official record of the day. Our diary: "Oct. 3, 1872. Harford Cornet Band play for the Fair. Last time." From diary of D. L. Hine: "1872, Oct. 3. Rain threatening, but broke away towards noon. Fine afternoon. \$744. Oct. 8. Settled Fair matters. Premiums \$396, expenses \$180. Received \$740, leaving \$164."

The writer was a member of this band.

## CONSTITUTION

FEBRUARY, 1873

Art. I. This Society shall be known as the Harford Agricultural Society.

Art. II. The object of this Society shall be to promote and encourage the best interests of Agriculture and the Mechanical Arts.

Art. III. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, an Executive Committee of three, and two Auditors.

Art. IV. This Society shall hold an annual meeting for the purpose of electing officers and transacting business on the first Monday of February. Vacancies occurring in any office may be filled by the remaining officers of the Society, or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Art. V. This Society shall hold an annual Fair or Exhibition at such time as shall be fixed by the Executive Committee.

Art. VI. This Society shall hold an annual Plowing Match; the entry fee shall be \$1.

Art. VII. The price of admission to the grounds of Society shall be as follows: Single admission, 25 cents. Children eight years and under twelve, 10 cents. Double teams, 25 cents. Single horses, and colts over two years, 25 cents. Colts under two years, free. Clergymen and their families free.

Art. VIII. The funds received by the Treasurer shall be appropriated to the payment of contingent expenses, and of pre-

miums awarded at the annual Fair or Exhibition of this Society.

## BY-LAWS

### ART. I. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society; call special meetings when necessary, and cast the deciding vote in case of a tie, except at the election of officers.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to perform all the duties of the President in his absence.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record all proceedings of meetings, call special meetings on the order of the President, and on the days of the annual Fair or Exhibition he shall have an office on the Fair Grounds for the purpose of issuing exhibition cards and entering articles and animals on books kept for that purpose. He may appoint as many assistants as he shall think necessary. He shall receive as compensation for his services fifteen dollars annually.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to sell, or cause to be sold, all tickets of admission to the grounds of the Society. He shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Executive Committee when in funds, and in no case shall he pay out money, only in the way mentioned. He shall also furnish a report duly audited at the annual meeting of the Society, of the funds received, paid out, and on hand, and pay over the funds left in his hands to his successor in office.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to revise and arrange a premiums list, appoint judges, hire policemen and gatekeepers, procure necessary assistance, and advertise for each annual Fair. Draw all orders on the Treasurer, and any other business not provided for in the By-Laws. They shall receive as compensation for their services in making out premium list, appointing judges, etc., each, \$6 annually.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the Auditors to audit the account of the Treasurer before each annual meeting.

Art. II. An officer's or policeman's badge shall allow its bearer to pass any of the gates at any time during the Fair.

Art. III. No premium, other than a discretionary, shall be awarded for any mechanical work unless entered by the manufacturer in his own name. This article shall be published in connection with the premium list annually.

Art. IV. All premiums remaining in the hands of the Treasurer at the annual meeting shall be considered as donated to the Society.

Art. V. The order of business at the meetings of the Society shall be as follows: (1) Reading minutes of last meeting. And at the annual meeting the constitution shall be read. (2) Reports of officers and committees. (3) Election of officers. (4) Miscellaneous business.

Art. VI. This Constitution and By-Laws may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of all the members present.

Note.—Nothing is accepted by the Society until certified by the Auditors as correct. The Treasurer is required to give bonds to the Executive Committee for the faithful performance of his duties.

Feb. 3, 1873. Annual Meeting. President and Vice President being absent, Ira H. Parrish was elected President, *pro tem*. There being but few present, voted to adjourn to Monday evening, Feb. 10.

Feb. 10, 1873. Vice President Ira Carpenter in the chair. Mr. Carpenter offered his resignation as Vice President. Accepted. W. B. Guile was elected chairman, *pro tem*.

Minutes of last meeting approved. Treasurer reported \$278.98. Voted to elect officers by ballot. G. L. Payne was elected teller.

President, H. M. Jones; Vice President, Watson Jeffers; Secretary, S. E. Carpenter; Treasurer, E. T. Tiffany; Executive Committee (one member), N. Tompkins; Auditors, R. R. Thacher, C. H. Miller.

Executive Committee authorized to use their discretion in making all necessary repairs.

## TREASURER'S REPORT, FEB. 10, 1873.

Harford Agricultural Society, in Account with E. T. Tiffany:

1872	Dr.	Cr.
Feb. To cash from last year.....	\$93.48	
Oct. To amount received for tickets.....	674.00	
“ “ “ “ “ plowing.....	8.00	
“ “ “ “ “ stands.....	64.00	
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		\$839.48
1872		
Oct. By paying F. Peck for dinners.....	\$17.00	
“ “ “ Harford Cornet Band.....	40.00	
“ “ “ Police order.....	28.00	
“ “ “ H. G. Parrish.....	4.50	
“ “ “ D. L. Hine.....	18.00	
“ “ “ I. H. Parrish.....	19.00	
“ “ “ Jackson Tingley.....	12.00	
“ “ “ S. E. Carpenter.....	15.00	
“ “ “ S. E. Carpenter, bill.....	0.94	
“ “ “ G. J. Babcock.....	13.00	
“ “ “ E. T. Tiffany.....	5.06	
“ “ “ E. B. Hawley, printing.....	9.50	
“ “ “ Premiums.....	378.50	
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		\$560.50
Cash on hand.....		278.98

Feb. 3, 1873. We have examined the above account and find it correct.

E. N. CARPENTER,  
C. H. MILLER.

The Sixteenth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held on the Fair Grounds, Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 8 and 9, 1873.

Premiums offered, \$587. From the thirty-nine judges appointed for the fifteenth Fair none failed to appear for duty. From the thirty-nine appointed for this Fair, fifteen failed to



serve; and their places had to be filled by the Executive Committee, hurriedly, anxiously, in the last moments of the noon hour. In the early years the attendance of judges was an uncertainty; but business methods under A. Lee Tiffany secured pledges of attendance, and the failures were only caused by unforeseen circumstances. While a ticket for dinner was a slight recognition of services and a reward, the duty to serve, to help the Fair, was recognized, and quite generally obeyed, unselfishly, patriotically. The position of a judge at a fair, is not one to be coveted.

General Superintendent, Amherst Carpenter. Of Horses, DeWitt C. Tompkins. Of Cattle, Merritt Seeley. Of Sheep, Swine, Poultry, R. L. Tingley. Of Floral Hall, E. W. Farrar, W. H. Patterson. Assistants, Mrs. H. Grant, Miss Edna Seeley. Of Mechanics' Hall, A. G. Barnard. Of Dairy Hall, Christopher Simons. Of Vegetable Hall, William H. Hepburn.

General Police, D. D. Tompkins.

Plowing Match to be on the farm of Henry Estabrook. The customary regulations are appended.

D. L. HINE,  
I. H. PARRISH,  
N. TOMPKINS.

H. M. JONES, President.

S. E. CARPENTER, Secretary.

The award of premiums is in Stephen Carpenter's clear, plain handwriting. We append those only, this time, on plowing. All honor to the men who hold the plow!

L. R. Peck, H. Marcy, L. E. Carpenter, Horace Sweet, M. T. Perigo, David Andrews.

No official record of the day. Our diary says: "Wife, self, and daughter at Fair. Worked for Secretary from 8 A. M. to 12. Brooklyn Brass Band in attendance." They are remembered as a fine organization, rendering excellent music. Diary of D. L. Hine: "1873, Oct. 7. Snow 4 inches deep on mountains. Oct. 9. Fair day. Beautiful. Receipts, \$844."

Feb. 2, 1874. Annual Meeting. Vice President Watson

Jeffers in the Chair. Treasurer reported \$392.72. Officers elected by acclamation: President, Watson Jeffers; Vice President, W. B. Guile; Secretary, S. E. Carpenter; Treasurer, E. T. Tiffany; Executive Committee (one member), H. J. Tyler; Auditors, R. R. Thacher, I. H. Parrish.

The Executive Committee's withholding of a premium for a yearling bull was brought before the Society.

Affidavits in hands of Secretary, produced by the Banker Brothers, were called for and read. Moved that the affidavits and proceedings of this meeting be published in the county papers. Lost.

Voted that the affidavits that have not been published be recorded in the Secretary's book. Secretary to be allowed \$2 for this special work.

Voted that the Executive Committee be exonerated from all blame in withholding the premium.

Voted that the committee add a clause to the Rules and Regulations prohibiting all exhibitors of stock, etc., from appearing before judges of said stock, etc., during the discharge of their duties as said judges. Adjournment.

The affidavits referred to, number ten. Five are signed by the Bankers; followed by F. Gunn, H. J. Tyler, P. Carpenter, E. N. Carpenter, S. Burdick. Nine pages of the record are filled with these affidavits.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT, FEB. 2, 1874.

Harford Agricultural Society in Account with E. T. Tiffany:

1873	Dr.	Cr.
Feb. 3. To cash from last year.....	\$278.98	
Oct. 8. To cash rec'd for plowing.....	7.00	
"    "    admittance to Fair.....	783.40	
"    "    received for stands.....	51.00	
"    "    for lumber sold.....	1.00	
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	\$1,121.38	

1873		
Feb. 11.	By paying premiums of 1872.....	\$7.00
Sep. 24.	" " order to J. L. Williams..	79.66
Oct. 8.	" " Brooklyn Brass Band...	40.00
	" " F. Peck, for dinners....	17.40
	" " Ladies.....	6.50
Oct. 11.	" " order to D. L. Hine....	39.00
	" " " to I. H. Parrish...	39.00
	" " " to N. Tompkins..	14.00
	" " 3 orders to S. E. Carpenter.....	27.70
	By paying order to E. T. Tiffany..	26.03
	" " " to J. L. Williams..	2.25
	" " " to Jones & Watrous	3.87
	" " " to Police and Gate	
	Keepers. . . . .	25.50
	By paying premiums of 1873.....	400.75

1874

		\$728.66
Feb. 2.	Cash on hand.....	392.72

Examined the above account and find correct.

R. R. THACHER,

C. H. MILLER.

The Seventeenth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held on the Fair Grounds, Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 7 and 8, 1874.

Premium list foots \$609. Premiums of \$10 are offered to herds of thoroughbred Durhams and Devons, not less than eight each, for the first time.

Benjamin Sabin is a judge on horses; W. H. Jessup, and E. R. Grow, on full-bloods; J. S. Peckham on oxen; George Resiguie on sheep and swine; J. H. Cook on grain; W. J. Mulford, H. Garrat, on butter; Elliot Aldrich, James Adams, Col. Telford, on implements; Jared Tyler on domestics; Mrs. E. M. Tiffany on paintings; Willam T. Moxley, B. F. Hine, Linus Moore, on plowing.

General Superintendent, A. T. Sweet. Of Horses, A. J.

Seaman. Of Cattle, Merritt Seeley, H. M. Seeley. Sheep, Swine, Poultry, R. L. Tingley. Of Vegetable Hall, L. E. Carpenter. Of Dairy Hall, C. Simons. Of Mechanics' Hall, William H. Hepburn. Of Floral Hall, E. J. Tyler. Assistants: Mrs. Lee Tiffany, Miss Ettie S. Hine.

General Police, William H. Patterson.

It will be noticed that the time-honored name of Col. Amherst Carpenter no more leads the above list as General Superintendent. With two or three exceptions, every Fair had his services. He died one year later.

Plowing match to be on the farm of Henry Estabrook.

All stock exhibited as a herd must be owned by exhibitor. Any member of a committee (of judges) who shall own or have an interest in any article submitted for decision to said committee, shall withdraw from said committee; and if any person owning or having any interest in any animal or article entered for premium, shall appear before the committee while examining the same, without having been first requested by said committee, it shall be their duty to exclude such animal or article from competition.

D. L. HINE,  
N. TOMPKINS,  
H. J. TYLER.

W. JEFFERS, President.  
S. E. CARPENTER, Secretary.

In the award of premiums, A. H. Conklin received \$10 for best herd of Durhams; D. & J. Banker \$10 for best herd of Devons. The Alderney premiums were taken by R. L. Sutphen, New Milford. Best oxen, E. T. Tiffany (Dimock). Best butter, Fred H. Tiffany. Best jar butter, Mrs. William H. Tiffany. Best implements, L. R. Peck. Best cabinet work, R. S. Scott. Best bed spread, Miss Ella Grinnell. Best painting, Miss May Hine. Best variety of flowers, Miss E. L. Lindsey. Best floral design, Mrs. Dr. Wilson.

Plowing: D. Andrews, L. R. Peck, H. Marcy.

Organs were exhibited by J. F. Bronson, Isbell & Mulhuish. Discretionary premium to Jacob Fritch for an ingeniously made center bracket.

No official mention of the day. Our diary says: "Wife and daughter attend Fair. Assistant Secretary for Mr. Carpenter." And perversely silent as to weather, speaker, or music. If we had known what we must do in 1907, what a difference it would have made.

Diary of D. L. Hine: "1874, Oct. 8. Raining. We adjourned the Fair to next Tuesday, Oct. 13. Cold day for Fair. Received \$582. Will fall behind \$50. Stands rented on Fair Ground: James Williams, Payson Brewster, H. D. Barnes, Paul Barrigar, A. M. Griggs, C. M. Truesdall."

But no other record told the writer of an *adjourned* Fair!

Feb. 1, 1875. Annual Meeting. Treasurer reported \$377.30. Moved that election of officers be by ballot. C. H. Miller, A. T. Sweet, appointed tellers.

President, Watson Jeffers; Vice President, W. B. Guile; Secretary, S. E. Carpenter; Treasurer, James A. Williams; Executive Committee (one member), D. L. Hine; Auditors, I. H. Parrish, C. S. Johnston.

Voted that the Executive Committee take bonds from the Treasurer hereafter, before he enters upon his duties. Voted that the Secretary's salary be \$20.

The Eighteenth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 6 and 7, 1875.

Premiums offered, \$621.

General Superintendent, Penuel Carpenter. Of Horses, Joseph L. Williams. Of Cattle, Friend Richardson, A. M. Hammond. Sheep, Swine, Poultry, R. L. Tingley. Vegetable Hall, L. E. Carpenter. Dairy Hall, William Shannon. Mechanics' Hall, William H. Hepburn. Floral Hall, G. L. Payne. Assistants: Mrs. H. Grant, Mrs. A. Brewster.

General Police, Henry Grant.

Plowing match to be on the farm of Fowler Peck.

Among the Regulations: No intoxicating drinks allowed to be sold on the ground.

W. JEFFERS, President.

S. E. CARPENTER, Secretary.

N. TOMPKINS,

H. J. TYLER.

D. L. HINE,

In the awards special mention is made of fruit exhibited by Judge Burrows, Gibson. Sixteen varieties of winter apples, eleven varieties of fall apples, fifteen varieties of pears. "Which surely made a great additon to the exhibition in that department."

Best pail butter, Mrs. James K. Utley. Best jar butter, Mrs. A. T. Sweet. Best roll butter, Mrs. P. H. Tiffany. Best maple sugar, L. E. Carpenter. A good variety of reversable plows. Best drawing, Miss Agnes Thatcher. Best shell work, Miss Edna Seeley.

Plowing: L. E. Carpenter, H. Marcy, David Andrews, M. T. Perigo, L. R. Peck.

Miscellaneous: Mowing machines, S. H. & D. Sayre. Also W. S. Barnes. Improved Champion saws, L. R. Peck.

No official notice of the day. Our diary reads: "Oct. 6. Plowing match. Oct. 7. Rained hard in the night. Wind turns at 6:30 A. M. No more rain. Not very cool. Work for Mr. Carpenter, assistant secretary. Listen to the music. [Probably Brooklyn Band.] Cleared off, 3 P. M." Diary of David L. Hine: "Oct. 6. Threatened, but did not rain. But did in night, hard. Plowing match, five entries. Oct. 7. Looks hard for the Fair. They began to come at 8 A. M., and till 3 P. M. \$647 at gates. Total, \$723. Oct. 9. Will have about \$120 left after paying all up."

And here we bid good-by to S. E. Carpenter. For four years he was a faithful officer. The work he has left in the record book is very plain and correct. He could not swing a rapid pen. Geniality, kindness, sincerity, were his prominent traits.

With the new year, 1876, came one into his place who could dispatch business, bring in new methods, infuse life, discipline assistants, and mark out seventeen years of prosperitiy for the Society. With a permanent Secretary, came manifest improvement.

As Amasa Tucker went West in 1876, his recollections of Harford Fair are only down to that date, closing with the Fair of 1875. He wrote me Jan., 1907, thus: "Much of the success came, I am sure, by the stand some of our noble men took and maintained, through much opposition, in keeping all sorts of

horse racing, gambling, and intoxicants off the grounds, although at times great pressure was brought to bear to the contrary, unknown to many. Among the staunch ones was always the ever ready and helpful David L. Hine. If any one man can be named as a leader, it was he. I hope these conditions still exist; that its good reputation may ever continue. If these regulations are not fully adhered to, Harford Fair will at last be a failure.

"Another feature that contributed to the success of the Fair, in my opinion, was the feeling of fellowship, hearty good will; nearly every one anxious to contribute in every possible way to the general interest, rather than from selfish motives. The people brought the best they had and accepted the verdict of the judges without jealousy, in most cases. The main feeling was to have a good time, and help everybody else to have the same. As I attempt to recall the many faces I knew in those days, and our work together, there are many affectionate remembrances.

"I must say a word for the ladies who contributed their full share to the success of the enterprise. They were always on hand with a great amount of their ingenuity and skill, and their part of the exhibit was always an attractive place. The first place provided for them was filled to overflowing, so that some things placed for exhibit could not be found, and this caused some dissatisfaction; but that unpleasantness was soon forgotten.

"For some years after coming West I used to feel when Fair time came in the fall like an old raftsmen in the spring. but late years that feeling is gone, yet many pleasant recollections remain."

## CHAPTER VI

### SEVENTEEN YEARS OF PROSPERITY—1876—1892

Feb. 7, 1876. Annual Meeting. Treasurer reported \$508.08. Voted to elect officers by ballot. W. R. Blakeslee, D. P. Brewster, appointed tellers.

President, E. T. Tiffany; Vice President, W. Jeffers; Secretary, Lee Tiffany; Treasurer, J. A. Williams; Executive Committee (3 years), L. W. Moore.

D. L. Hine hereupon resigned his office as Executive Committee. Accepted.

Elected Henry Grant to fill the vacancy for two years. Auditors, I. H. Parrish, E. J. Tyler.

After some discussion on distinction between premiums on thoroughbred and native stock, the meeting adjourned.

The Nineteenth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 27 and 28, 1876.

Premium list foots \$607. Class XIII. Ornamental Needlework, is enlarged by six more articles, making twenty-one in the list. Class XIV. Paintings, etc., is slightly enlarged. The number of judges appointed is 42. Twenty-five are from other towns.

General Superintendent, H. M. Jones. Assistant, George R. Ressiguie. Of Cattle, H. M. Lindsey. Sheep, Swine, Poultry, R. L. Tingley. Vegetable Hall, Willam Hepburn. Mechanics' Hall, F. A. Osborn. Dairy Hall, H. G. Parrish. Floral Hall, E. J. Tyler. Assistants, Mrs. H. Grant, Mrs. J. C. Tanner.

General Police, William Patterson.

E. T. TIFFANY, President.  
LEE TIFFANY, Secretary.

H. J. TYLER,  
H. GRANT,  
L. W. MOORE.



In the awards W. G. Leslie has second on horses. H. C. Conklin is strong on Durhams. D. & J. Banker on Devons. F. S. Jackson has premium on an Alderney. On Grade Ayrshires, A. W. Greenwood is strong. Austin Darrow on Natives; the Bankers, best oxen. A. Sherwood is good on swine, and Eddie Jones (nine years old) comes in on poultry. The future President of the Society.

Best pail butter, D. Van Buskirk; jar butter, Adaline Sweet; roll butter, P. H. Tiffany; honey, D. J. Peck; buggy, J. A. Sophia; second, W. Osterhout; full cloth, Mrs. C. H. Ely; lady's sacque, Miss Helen Whitney; lamp mat, Miss Jennie Leslie.

Plowing: J. D. Howell, M. T. Perrigo, H. Marcy, S. Lathrop, M. Shields, Jr.

And still Secretary omits, speaker, music, weather. Our diary: "Sept. 27, 1876. Cloudy, showery. Sept. 28. Assistant Secretary for Lee Tiffany. Gibson Cornet Band. Speaker, Rev. G. T. Price. Also, Ex-Gov. Carpenter." Diary of D. L. Hine: "Fine day for Fair."

Ex-Gov. Carpenter, a cousin of Hon. H. M. Jones, was on a visit to the home of his childhood. We remember this sentence in his short speech: "You follow your plow over these stony fields and thump your ribs with the plow handles." The inference was that the toiler thought this manner of life hard and poor in reward. But the Governor put a pleasant look on it. Life was not for money-making. The joys of the farmer, notwithstanding the "thumps," exceed other occupations or professions.

To the Governor, after twenty-five years in a state of prairies, old Harford must have seemed exceedingly rough.

Sept. 7, 1876. Soldiers' encampment on Fair Ground. Brooklyn Band. Parade. Cavalry. S. Orphans.

Sept. 15, 1876. Brass Band Union. All bands in county present except two from Susquehanna. Instruments numbered 127. Hayes's March, Tilden's March, Hail Columbia, played by all. Eight or ten bands. Coggsell beat time, and by unanimous request played Amazon Polka (solo). The com-



*N. Tompkins.*



*Henry T. Tyler*



*Alex Tiffany*



*L W Moore*



bined bands made a tremendous noise. Brooklyn Band first in proficiency; Great Bend Band, Prof. E. K. Richardson, leader, second; Gibson, new uniforms, 12 members, third.

Feb. 5, 1877. Annual Meeting. Treasurer reported \$644.41. Voted that \$2 be paid Daniel Stuart for premium uncalled for before Jan. 1, 1877.

Election of officers: President, W. B. Guile; Vice President, A. T. Sweet; Secretary, Lee Tiffany; Treasurer, J. A. Williams; Executive Committee (3 years), H. J. Tyler; Auditors, I. H. Parrish, D. B. Thacher.

Voted that the Executive Committee may offer premiums for first, second, third best brass bands, instead of hiring one as heretofore.

Motion to instruct Executive Committee to appoint a meeting of Society, at some time after the next Fair for the purpose of discussing the merits of the several breeds of stock, or as between the thoroughbreds and grades. Voted down.

Vote reconsidered: Motion modified that the Executive Committee *may* call such a meeting. Carried.

Voted that the Society recommend the Executive Committee to offer more extended premiums for different varieties of poultry. Adjourned.

From *Independent Republican*, Feb. 12: "It is said this was the largest meeting of Society ever held. Perfect harmony of sentiment and feeling prevailed."

June 10, 1877. Meeting of officers of Society. W. B. Guile tendered his resignation as President. Accepted. W. B. Guile elected to fill vacancy of Treasurer caused by the death of James A. Williams (May 26, 1877).

The Twentieth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held Wednesday and Thursday, October 3 and 4, 1877.

Premiums offered, \$743.50. Grade Alderneys and Grade Ayrshires appear for first time. Poultry is increased by Leg-horns, Black Spanish, Creveceurs, Houdans, White Bramas, Partridge Cochins, Buff Cochins.

The judges from Harford are: Horses, Jos. Moore. Colts and Mules, A. H. Harding. Durhams, Devons, Alderneys, Ayrshires, G. M. Read. Grades, D. E. Whitney, S. B. Guile. Natives and Oxen, G. A. Lindsey. Sheep and Swine, O. Grinnell. Poultry and Grain, B. F. Hine, V. G. Follett. Fruit and Vegetables, D. L. Hine. Butter, Honey, Sugar, W. Jeffers. Leathers, Implements, Cabinet Work, E. C. Harding. Domestic, J. C. Tanner, Mrs. C. H. Miller, Miss M. A. Tiffany. Needle-work and Paintings, Mrs. H. M. Jones, Mrs. H. Estabrook. Plowing, A. M. Hammond, A. J. Adams. Class XVI. Unenumerated Articles, H. M. Jones, A. Darrow.

General Superintendent, Hon. H. M. Jones. Assistant, G. R. Resseguie. Of cattle, H. M. Lindsey. Vegetable Hall, A. G. Weir. Mechanics' Hall, Wm. Hepburn. Dairy Hall, F. A. Osborn. Floral Hall, E. J. Tyler. Assistants, Mrs. H. J. Tyler, Mrs. H. Grant.

General Police, Wm. H. Patterson.

Regulations: The address will be delivered by Hon. W. H. Jessup. Plowing match to be on farm of Fowler Peck. Persons exhibiting Full Blood stock must leave pedigree with Secretary for judges. No premium to any article or animal not entered in name of bona fide owner. No premium to any article or animal not worthy, though there be no competition. No intoxicating liquors to be sold on the grounds.

A. T. SWEET, Vice President.	H. J. TYLER,
LEE TIFFANY, Secretary.	L. W. MOORE,
	H. GRANT.

In the awards of premium, best Stallion, Chas. Roe; best Devons, E. S. Jackson; second, H. M. Jones; best Durham cow, B. D. Sherwood; best 3 calves, H. C. Moxley; best Grade Devon yearlings, W. H. Jones; best Grade Ayrshires, W. C. Curtis; best Natives, H. M. Lindsey, Geo. Forsyth, W. T. Gillespie; best oxen, E. T. Tiffany (Dimock); second, J. C. Tanner; coarse wool lambs, E. C. Capron; best geese, F. E. Tingley; Black Spanish chicks, Dannie Jones; best Cochins chicks, A. Hammond; best wheat, A. Darrow; best rye, Homer Tingley; best peaches, E. L. Weston; grapes (second), Joel

Hotchkiss; best firkin butter, Mrs. H. C. Conklin; best pail butter, Mrs. A. J. Stearns; best cheese, Mrs. E. N. Carpenter; honey, Rev. A. Miller; team harness, Thacher & Son; full cloth, Mrs. C. H. Ely; rag carpet, Mrs. N. G. Bishop; patch work quilt, Mrs. A. C. Harding; embroidered underwear, Miss M. Manson; cotton tidy, Mrs. F. B. Peck; photographs, G. O. Sweet; artificial flowers, Mrs. D. B. Thacher; bracket, H. M. Seeley.

Fine exhibit of vegetables by W. S. Sophia. Of canned fruit, Mrs. E. S. Jackson. Various articles by Mrs. Frank Seymour. Hay elevator and carrier, A. P. Hollister.

Plowing, J. D. Howell, T. Grinnell, M. T. Perrigo, D. P. Brewster, D. Van Buskirk, B. D. Sherwood.

Our diary reads: "This was Fair Day. It rained more or less all day. At the close it began hard, and continued long. Pleasant the day before, and pleasant the day after." Diary of David L. Hine: "Aug. 30. At Fair Ground, Soldiers' encampment began. Oct. 4. Fair Day. Commenced raining at noon. Wet time. Receipts \$600."

Nine days previous (Sept. 25), there was a Band Union on Fair Ground. The leading band under Prof. H. E. Cogswell, was the Brooklyn. Nearly equal, was the New Milford under Prof. Maynard. Gibson's was present; and two more, names not now recalled. The day was very enjoyable; each band performing by itself. On a few tunes, they all joined; but it could hardly be called music. Prof. Cogswell made a speech. Admittance fee charged.

February 4, 1878. Annual Meeting. Vice President A. T. Sweet in the chair. Treasurer reported as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To balance on hand, Feb. 5, 1877.....	\$ 644.41	
To total receipts for the year.....	604.28	
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	\$1248.69	
By amount paid in premiums, 1877.....		\$504.50
By amount paid in sundry expenses.....		158.91
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		\$663.41
Cash on hand, Feb. 4, 1878.....	\$585.28	

On motion it was ordered that the Treasurer elected at this meeting for the ensuing year shall be required to pay into the treasury 3% on an average balance in his hand during the year, and make no charge for his service.

And that the Executive Committee are hereby requested to perfect such an arrangement before said Treasurer assumes the duties of his office.

The officers elected for the ensuing years were as follows:

President, Hon. H. M. Jones; Vice President, A. J. Adams; Secretary, Lee Tiffany; Treasurer, W. B. Guile; Executive Committee (3 years), H. Grant; Auditors, I. H. Parrish, G. L. Payne.

The following resolution was adopted: That we recommend the Executive Committee to fix the time of holding the next Fair on Wednesday and Thursday, September 18 and 19, 1878.

A resolution in regard to giving the Executive Committee the privilege of offering premiums for the best Brass Band was voted down.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to furnish a copy of this meeting's proceedings to each of the Montrose papers for publication. Adjourned.

The above resolution regarding Brass Bands seems to imply that the project (also in minutes of one year ago) came to naught. But there is a strong recollection in the writer's mind of a request being made of Harvey B. Dodworth, leader of the best band in New York, to come to Harford and act as judge. He did not come, but sent one whom he said could fill his place. The bands played, the judge listened, the contest lasting all day, and his decision given. But some other occurrence may be in the writer's mind.

In the *Independent Republican* of November 12, 1877, is an article on the "Band Controversy" in which the New Milford and Brooklyn Bands are the parties. Something regarding a "challenge" and the "championship of the county." Signed by the Secretary of Brooklyn Cornet Band.

The Twenty-first Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural

Society will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, September 18 and 19, 1878.

Premiums offered \$779.50. Grade German Belt cattle appear first time. Mowing machines are excluded from Class X. Forty-five judges in list.

General Superintendent, Geo. R. Resseguie. Assistant, J. W. Tyler. Of cattle, Smith Coleman. Vegetable Hall, Wm. Hepburn. Mechanics' Hall, H. M. Lindsley. Dairy Hall, Wm. P. Gardner. Floral Hall, E. J. Tyler. Assistants, Mrs. M. J. Tanner, Miss E. L. Lindsey.

General Police, Wm. Patterson.

Regulations: The address will be delivered at 2 P. M. by Prof. H. S. Sweet. Plowing match to be on the farm of Robert Alexander, 1½ miles north of Village.

General Police, Wm. H. Patterson.

HON. H. M. JONES, President.  
LEE TIFFANY, Secretary.

H. J. TYLER,  
L. W. MOORE,  
H. GRANT.

In the awards we notice: Best horses for all work, Samuel Kennedy; second, Wm. Van Cott; best colt (1 year old), E. C. Peck; best pair mules, C. L. Decker; Durhams, C. A. Summers; Devons, D. and J. Banker; Grade Durhams, E. H. Elsworth, W. L. Rogers, E. W. Watson; Grade Alderneys, G. A. Stearns, F. C. Whitmarsh; oxen, D. Summers; coarse wool buck, A. S. Roe; poultry, Mart. Hayden; corn, H. R. Butler, Virgil G. Follet; quinces, G. I. Tingley; grapes, E. B. Smith; peaches, R. M. Tingley; butter, A. J. Stearns, Mrs. W. L. Perry, Mrs. C. H. Ely; wheat bread, Mrs. Jos. Brundage. (Specimens of bread very fine. Judges found it very hard to decide). Carriage harness, Henry Harding; cabinet work, W. N. Chamberlain; chairs, J. T. Quinlan; stoves, O. Payne; flannels, Mrs. R. Sterling; silk embroidery, Mrs. H. Pennepacker; sacque, Miss Laura Crandall; fine shirt, Mrs. D. Van Buskirk; painting, Mrs. D. C. Ainey; artificial flowers, Mrs. G. G. Woodward; bracket, Mrs. J. B. Quick; rock and stump puller, V. C. Blatchley; Cooley's creamer, J. Bradshaw.



Plowing: John D. Howell, M. T. Perrigo, D. Van Buskirk, W. L. Perry, Theron Grinnell, D. D. Plummer.

And not a word as to weather, or music, from any source. But we do find in D. L. Hine's diary: "Fine day."

February 3, 1879. Annual Meeting. Hon. H. M. Jones in the chair. Treasurer's report as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To balance on hand, Feb. 4, 1878.....	\$ 585.28	
To receipts for 1878.....	893.16	
To interest on \$585.28 at 3%.....	17.55	
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	\$1495.99	
By premiums paid, 1878.....		\$501.50
By expenses paid.....		191.11
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		\$692.61
Cash on hand, Feb. 3, 1879.....		\$803.38

Officers for ensuing year elected. President, Prof. H. S. Sweet; Vice President, W. Jeffers; Secretary, Lee Tiffany; Treasurer, W. B. Guile; Executive Committee (3 years), N. Tompkins; Executive Committee (1 year), Geo. L. Payne; Auditors, D. P. Brewster, W. L. Thacher.

The fact of there being no premium offered for full blood three year old heifers was brought before the meeting and on motion the Executive Committee were requested to investigate reasons.

On motion it was ordered that a premium of \$3 be paid to W. G. Leslie, also \$2 to E. Morgan.

On motion it was ordered that a premium be offered for the best assortment of garden seeds.

On motion the Executive Committee was requested to consider the propriety of making better arrangements for the classifying and exhibition of stock on the grounds.

On motion it was ordered to instruct the Executive Committee to make the necessary improvements and repairs on the Fair Ground of a permanent character.

A resolution was offered that we meet at the Graded school

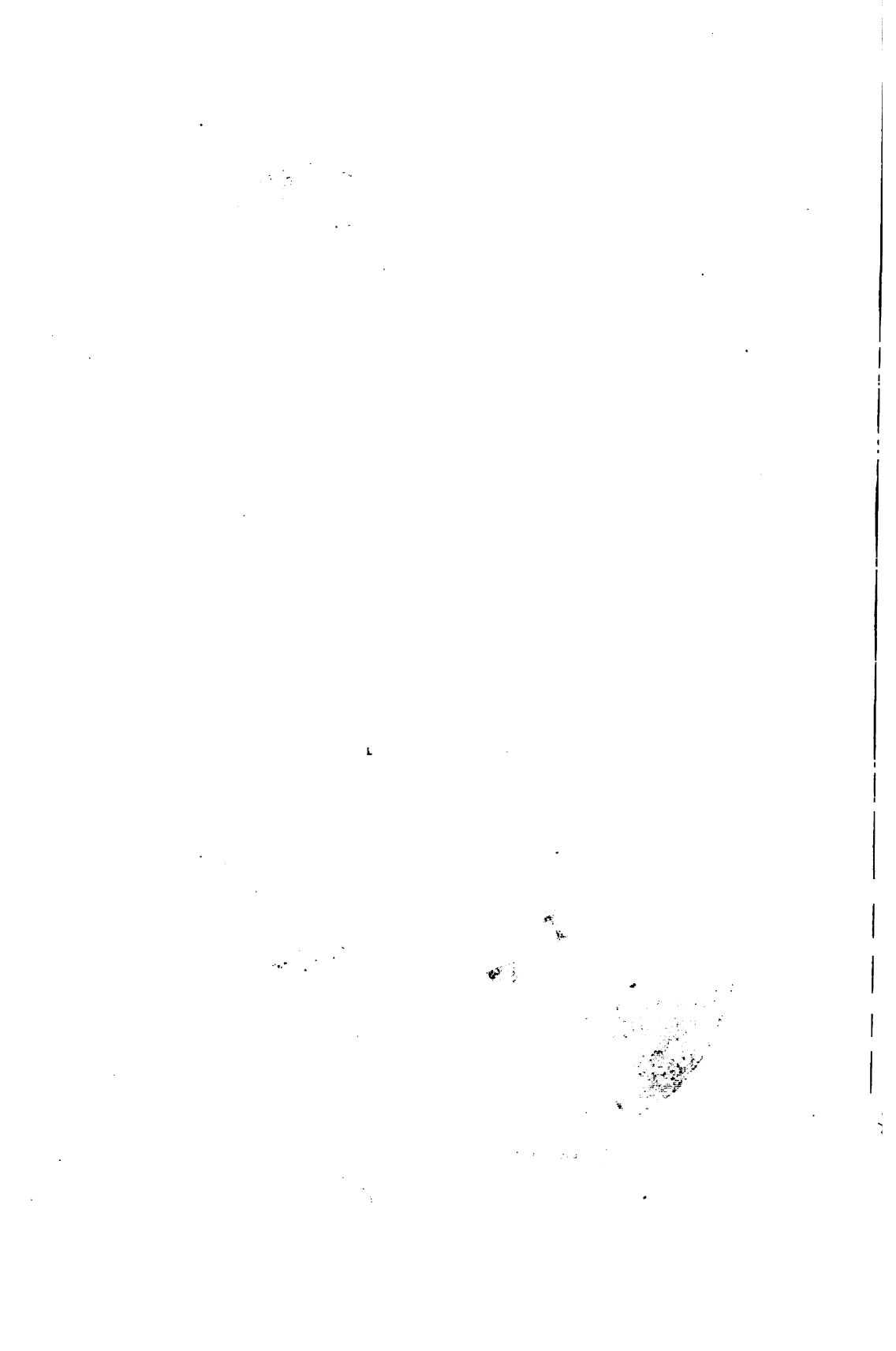


*A. J. Sweet - Prof. H. A. Sweet  
owned building of S. O. school*



*L. L. Payne*

*A. J. Stearns*



house at 1 P. M., Saturday, March 1, 1879, for the purpose of discussing the merits and demerits of the different kinds of stock. Adjourned.

A distinct building of large size, in form of a Greek cross, was erected this summer, to be thereafter, "Floral Hall." The fence was renewed; a well dug. The three cost \$803.49.

The Twenty-second Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held September 24 and 25, 1879.

Premiums offered, \$786.50.

General Superintendent, G. R. Resseguie. Assistant, J. W. Tyler. Of cattle, A. E. Hawley. Sheep and swine, R. L. Tingley. Vegetable Hall, Wm. Hepburn. Dairy Hall, Wm. P. Gardner. Mechanics' Hall, J. T. Quinlan. Floral Hall, E. J. Tyler. Assistants, Mrs. M. J. Tanner, Miss E. L. Lindsay.

General Police, W. H. Patterson.

Regulations: The address will be delivered Thursday, 2 P. M. Plowing match on the farm of Fowler Peck. (The other usual regulations, appended to every list, need not be repeated.)

H. GRANT,  
N. TOMPKINS,  
G. L. PAYNE.

PROF. H. S. SWEET, President.  
LEE TIFFANY, Secretary.

In the awards, C. W. Resseguie, H. Van Buskirk, come in on colts; C. A. Summers, strong on Durhams; Dannie Jones, W. I. Tinker, W. W. Alexander, on Grade Durhams; the Bankers, on Devons; G. R. Resseguie, on Grade Devons; C. F. Whitney, on Alderneys; J. F. Butterfield, on Ayrshires; W. C. Curtis, on Grades; Major Hammond, E. W. Watson, on Grade German Belts; H. L. Bailey, on oxen.

F. L. Lindsey twice on sheep; A. W. Greenwood twice on swine; H. M. Lindsey, geese; Mart. Hayden, nine times on poultry; Hon. Urbane Burrows, three times on fruit; J. O. Harding, beets; A. T. Sweet, Mrs. H. Andrews, Miss Emma Baker, Mrs. C. H. Ely, on butter; F. B. Peck, wheat flour; D.

J. Peck, honey; E. C. Peck, maple sugar; E. W. Washburn, leather; Mrs. W. Jeffers, plaid flannel; Mrs. Patty Wilcox, wool socks; Mrs. Marie Hotchkiss, linen cloth; Mrs. F. A. Osborn, rag carpet; Mrs. H. Van Buskirk, ladies' sacque; Mrs. G. J. Babcock, on worsted work; Mrs. Helen Follet, worsted tidy; Miss Nettie Carpenter, fancy articles; Miss Frank Miller, floral design; drawing, S. M. Rivenburg. In Class XVI. was crab apple jelly and canned fruit by Mrs. L. P. Tingley; air castle by Theron Huffling; lard press by Frank Wilmarth.

Plowing: E. B. Smith, C. J. Allen, D. Van Buskirk, J. D. Howell, J. T. Adams, W. H. Stuart.

Address, music, weather, all unknown. D. L. Hine diary: "September 25, 1879. Fair Day. Fine. \$900."

February 2, 1880. Annual Meeting. Prof. H. S. Sweet in the chair. Treasurer reported as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To amount on hand, Feb. 1879.....	\$803.38	
To receipts for 1879.....	897.04	
To interest .....	13.08	
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	\$1713.50	
By premiums paid, 1879.....		\$569.50
By expenses paid.....		803.49
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		\$1372.99
Cash on hand, Feb. 2, 1880.....		\$340.51

Election of officers: President, Prof. H. S. Sweet; Vice President, A. J. Stearns; Secretary, Lee Tiffany; Treasurer, J. L. Williams; Executive Committee, W. Jeffers; Auditors, D. P. Tiffany, D. P. Brewster.

The motion made February 4, 1878, regarding the Treasurer's payment of 3% was again carried; but the clause, "And make no charge for his service," was omitted.

Whereas, An All-wise Providence has removed from our midst our worthy member and former President, the Hon. H. M. Jones, who was one of the first and most active men connected with this Society; therefore

Resolved, That as a Society we deeply feel the loss of our friend, and shall long cherish and respect his memory; and that we hereby tender our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family and friends.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on record; also, in the hands of the stricken family.

Whereas, One of the greatest needs of the agriculturist or artisan is a market for the product of labor; therefore

Resolved, That the Society will, at its next Annual Fair, made a market or salesday for the sale or exchange of such of the products of this community as may be brought there for that purpose.

Resolved, That action on the above resolution be left to the discretion of the officers of the Society.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee consider the offer made by J. P. Taylor, editor of the *Independent Republican*, of a premium for the best one-eighth acre of corn raised by a boy under 16 years of age, and accept, if thought best.

On motion, it was ordered that a copy of this meeting's proceedings be furnished to the county papers for publication. Adjourned.

The Twenty-third Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will held September 22 and 23, 1880.

Premiums foot \$796.50. Alderneys and Grades are omitted. Jerseys and Grades in their place. In poultry, Leg-horns are White and Brown; and Dark Bramahs, Plymouth Rocks, Bantams, come in, first time. There are 48 judges.

General Superintendent, J. W. Tyler. Assistant, Horace Sweet. Of cattle, F. B. Peck. Assistant, N. Phillips. Sheep and swine, M. Seeley. Vegetable Hall, I. H. Parrish. Dairy Hall, W. P. Gardner. Mechanics' Hall, J. T. Quinlan. Floral Hall, E. J. Tyler. Assistants, Mrs. Jennie Tanner, Miss E. L. Lindsey.

General Police, W. H. Patterson.

Regulations: The address will be delivered by ex-Governor Walker of Virginia, on Thursday, 2:30 P. M. The plowing match will be held on the farm of Mrs. H. M. Jones, near Village, Wednesday, September 22, 2 P. M.

The New Milford Cornet Band will be in attendance, and use the following program:

## FORENOON

1. Scotch Medley—Warren. 2. Beautiful Star—Keller.
3. Red Ribbon—Murphy. 4. Oh! How Delightful—Catlin.
5. Hatter—Murphy. 6. Andante and Schottische—Rollinson.
7. The Irishman's Heart to the Ladies—Maynard.

## AFTERNOON

1. Garfield and Arthur Q. S.—Southwell. 2. Solo, Mocking Bird and Variations—Maynard.
3. Hancock and English Q. S.—Keller. 4. Nancy Lee—Frankinfield.
5. Musical Hart—Zimmerman. 6. Gov. Hendrick Q. S.—Frankinfield.
7. Devil Tied Up—Davey Jones.

H. GRANT,  
N. TOMPKINS,  
W. JEFFERS.

PROF. H. S. SWEET, President.  
LEE TIFFANY, Secretary.

Of the 45 judges appointed, only 14 failed to appear, and thus requiring their places filled by others.

In the awards, Chas. Roe has the best Stallion; Uzal Kinney best horses for all work; W. T. Moxley best colts; Walter W. Wilmarth, Durham Bull; E. N. Hammond, G. W. Manzer, Grades; Bankers and W. H. Jones, Devons; Henry Alworth, O. R. Pease, Grades; A. M. Perrigo, G. W. Potter, oxen; Eldridges, Wm. Hine, poultry; A. Darrow, corn; A. Osmon, buckwheat; E. L. Weston, quinces; I. F. Tillinghast, potatoes; A. T. Sweet, A. Stearns, E. T. Bennett, butter; E. B. Smith, D. J. Peck, honey; Mrs. M. Oakley, plaid flannel; Mrs. O. N. Tiffany, woolen mittens; Mrs. Marcy Allen (aged 87), carded and spun woolen yarn; Mrs. D. W. Hager, Mrs. H. N. Tiffany, silk embroidery; Miss Jennie Gillespie, worked collar; Miss Eva Harding, braided underwear; Miss Carrie March, crochet; Miss Belle Moore, motto; Mrs. Dr. Blakeslee, worsted tidy; Mrs. Geo. Clements, fancy articles; Mrs. D. C. Ainey,

Prof. E. S. P. Hine, painting; Miss Maude Spencer, penciling; Mrs. W. W. Bullard, variety flowers. Class XVI. E. R. Anthony, bureau creamer; A. Darrow, lifting jack; C. C. Kenney, horse hoe.

Plowing: E. B. Smith, C. J. Allen, S. E. Finn, J. D. Howell, D. Van Buskirk, M. T. Perrigo.

"September 23, 1880. There were several hundred entries. No better display, town or county, in the State. Weather very dry. There were 1000 teams; 3500 persons. The Ladies' Department a bower of beauty, in more senses than one. The address by ex-Governor Walker of Virginia. Did the people practice in their daily lives the precepts given by the speaker, the world would be the better for it. The New Milford Band received many compliments."

In *Independent Republican*, October 4: "At the Harford Fair there was the largest attendance yet known. The grove and all available space was occupied with teams. The display of stock was good; and of vegetables very fine. A goodly number of agricultural implements. Several fine wagons. Ex-Governor Walker gave the address, but we did not get near enough to hear it. The New Milford Band gave good music and added much to the enjoyment. The Banker Bros. present with their fine herd of Devons. They had just returned from the State Fair at Philadelphia. For two years they have brought away first premium. Mr. E. T. Tiffany of Dimock, had very fine Devon cattle on exhibition, which he has bred for thirty years, for dairy and work oxen. The mechanical department, a rather lean exhibit. We are not prepared to give any reason why. Perhaps the premiums offered are not sufficiently large to stimulate competition. We think that it can be truly said that the Harford Fair for 1880 was a success; and it is to be hoped that in the future even greater success may crown the efforts of the Society. OBSERVER."

Diary of D. L. Hine: "September 23, 1880. Fair day. Large attendance. Over \$1000. The most yet."

February 7, 1881. No known record of this Annual Meeting.

But the following resolution was adopted: That the Exe-



cutive Committee be requested to make an effort to establish a museum of ancient agricultural and mechanical tools, household goods, etc., for exhibition on the Fair Grounds. The Committee propose to devote some of their time to this work between this time and the Fair, and extend an earnest invitation to all interested to assist them in the undertaking. Any information in relation to any article a person may have or know of, that can be procured, will be gladly received. It is proposed to ask for donations, but should anyone have articles they would not care to part with, we would be pleased for the use of them to exhibit on Fair day. A book with the name of the owner of, and history connected with, the article will be kept for future reference.

Officers elected: President, Prof. H. S. Sweet; Secretary, Lee Tiffany; Treasurer, J. L. Williams; Executive Committee, D. L. Hine.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held Wednesday and Thursday, September 21 and 22, 1881.

Premiums offered \$797.50. Poultry has Silver Spangled Hamburgs added to its list. A departure in premiums comes in this year. In Class VI. the best display of Fruit and of Vegetables receives a diploma. In Class VIII. Wheat Flour. In Class IX. the best assortment of skins (leather). In Class X. Plows, Cultivators, Corn Sheller, Straw Cutter, Horse Rake, Mowing Machine, Harrow, Churning Machine and Carriages and Sleighs not manufactured in this county. In Class XI. Sewing Machine, Churn, Organ.

The character of these articles indicate the policy of the Executive Committee. They are not the product of the town or county, not the mechanical skill of our people. Yet their exhibition should certainly come in. But it involves labor, expense, to put them on the ground. Their presence is an advertisement for their agents; and a diploma from the Harford Fair is the judgment of its judges as to which is best.

The judges for Class I., Division 1, Horses, were: A. F. Snover, Gleenwood; C. A. Summers, New Milford; W. G. Leslie, Susquehanna. Division 2, Colts and Mules, A. M.

Aldrich, Harford; J. H. Claflin, Gibson; E. P. Bailey, Lenox. Class II., Division 1, Durhams. Division 2, Grade Durhams. Division 3, Devons. Division 4, Grade Devons, G. J. Babcock, Nicholson; James Adams, Brooklyn; D. Shay, New Milford. Class II., Division 5, Jerseys. Division 6, Grade Jerseys. Division 7, Ayrshire. Division 8, Grade Ayrshire. Division 9, Grade German Belt, Geo. R. Resseguie, Harford; David Banker, Franklin; Naaman, Claflin, Gibson. Class II., Division 10, Oxen and Steers, C. H. Miller, Harford; G. L. Corwin, New Milford; Geo. W. Tiffany, Lathrop.

For Class III., Division 1, Sheep. Division 2, Swine, O. Grinnel, Harford; C. F. Perrigo, Brooklyn; H. Marcy, Lenox. Class IV. Poultry. Class V. Grain, W. E. Osmun, Harford; Marvin Tiffany, Hopbottom; H. B. Robbins, Bridgewater. Class VI. Fruit and Vegetables, D. P. Brewster, Harford; Seth Abel, Gibson; J. F. Smith, Lenox. Class VII. Butter, Cheese, Bread. Class VIII. Vinegar, Wheat Flour, Honey, Sugar, Mart. Hayden, New Milford; H. C. Tyler, Montrose; J. C. Kain, Susquehanna. Class IX. Leather, Boots, Harness. Class X. Agricultural Implements and Carriages. Class XI. Cabinet Hardware, W. H. Wilmarth, Harford; J. L. Gillet, Gibson; A. A. Clearwater, Glenwood. Class XII. Domestic Goods, J. C. Tanner, Mrs. D. Van Buskirk, Mrs. J. W. Tyler, Harford. Class XIII. Ornamental Needle-work. Class XIV. Paintings, Flowers, W. B. Guile, Mrs. H. S. Sweet, Mrs. D. K. Oakley, Harford. Class XV. Plowing, M. M. Van Orsdale, B. F. Hine, Harford; Harvey Grinnell, New Milford. Class XVI. Unenumerated Articles, F. P. Tingley, Harford; Aaron Aldrich, New Milford; Raymon Scott, Gibson.

General Superintendent, J. W. Tyler. Assistant, H. C. Moxley. Of cattle, F. B. Peck. Assistant, E. L. Peck. Sheep and swine, Paris Tiffany. Vegetable Hall, J. F. Quinlan. Dairy Hall, W. P. Gardner. Mechanics' Hall, L. D. Wilmarth. Floral Hall, E. J. Tyler. Assistants, Miss Lillie J. Hine, Miss Jennie Leslie.

General Police, J. T. Tiffany.

Regulations: The address will be delivered by A. H. McCollum, Esq., Montrose, Thursday, 2:30 P. M.

Plowing match on the Fowler Peck farm, near Fair Ground, Wednesday, 2 P. M.

The New Milford Cornet Band will be in attendance and use the following program:

#### FORENOON

1. Medley, Overture Gaiety. 2. Scotch Lassie Jean. 3. Racquet Galop. 4. Mocking Bird and Variations. 5. Grandmother's Chair, Medley. 6. Memorial March; Sacred music.

#### AFTERNOON

1. Boccacio March. 2. Gallop, Inauguration. 3. Medley, Q. S. Jamboree. 4. Home, Sweet Home, and Variations. 5. Quickstep, Company E. 6. Waltz, Birthday. 7. Romanza Spring Violets.

D. L. HINE,  
W. JEFFERS,  
N. TOMPKINS.

PROF. H. S. SWEET, President.

LEE TIFFANY, Secretary.

The record of premiums is lost.

From the *Independent Republican*, Oct. 3, 1881: "The Harford Fair was pretty largely attended, but not as many as in former years. The number of horses and wagons were greater than ever before. The dusty roads had very much to do with lessening the attendance. The stock was not large, but of a better quality than last year. All the fine works and art were superlative in make and character; those owning them need not be ashamed. Exhibition of machinery large, and of excellent quality. We were very forcibly struck with the contrast between farming tools and instruments used years ago, and those of the present day.

"One beauty about the Fair was greatly admired by a majority in attendance; there was no 'horse racing.' Also, the general character and reputation of the exhibition is such that every profession of people can conscientiously attend. The best of order prevailed throughout the Fair.

"The Orphan school, over two hundred in number, were in attendance in a body, and were the center of attraction.

"The gate money amounted to \$740.

"A. H. McCollum, Esq., Montrose, who delivered the address, made a fitting allusion to President Garfield. In his earnest and eloquent manner, he said: 'President Garfield was a model man, and could not be excelled as a wise statesman and noble Christian man.' He further advised every young man to study his life, and to model their lives and doings after his for honesty, sobriety, industry.

"We are indebted to Prof. Sweet and Mr. Williams, Treasurer, for courtesy and all information desired. VISITOR."

Diary of David L. Hine: "1881. August 30. Soldiers' Encampment. September 1. The air so full of smoke and dust that the sun does not shine. September 22. Fair day. Hot and dusty. \$924."

February 6. 1882. Annual Meeting. Prof. Sweet in the chair. Treasurer's report accepted, as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To amount on hand, Feb. 7, 1881.....	\$ 455.49	
To receipts of 1881.....	921.90	
To interest at 3%.....	13.65	
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	\$1391.04	
By premiums paid, 1881.....		\$527.50
By expenses paid, 1881.....		481.52
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		\$1009.02
Cash on hand, Feb. 6, 1882.....	\$382.02	

Officers elected: President, Prof. H. S. Sweet; Vice President, G. R. Resseguie; Secretary, Lee Tiffany; Treasurer, J. L. Williams; Executive Committee (3 years), A. T. Sweet; Auditors, H. Pennepacker, J. W. Tyler.

A vote of thanks was tendered our President for the interest he had taken in the Society in years past, and for the

special interest taken in improving the road from town to Fair Ground.

On motion, it was ordered that the Executive Committee extend the list of premiums on domestic goods, ornamental needle-work, paintings, flowers.

A humorous piece entitled, "Marie's Visit to the Fair," was read by D. P. Little. Appropriate.

A motion that premium be offered for the best declaimer between 10 and 21 years old was voted down.

On motion it was ordered that the Executive Committee confer with C. S. Johnston in reference to an extension of the grounds.

A vote of thanks was given W. Jeffers for the interest he has taken in soliciting and gathering the old relics on exhibition at our last Fair.

On motion it was ordered that the Executive Committee repair the track on the ground near the judges' stand.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, September 27 and 28, 1882.

Premiums foot \$814.50. Class XIII. is increased from 26 to 32 articles. And the premiums offered foot \$52.50, the largest sum in any one Class or Division.

General Superintendent, H. C. Moxley. Of cattle, F. A. Osborn. Assistant, E. L. Peck. Sheep and swine, A. H. Rynearson. Vegetable Hall, J. T. Quinlan. Dairy Hall, H. M. Seeley. Mechanics' Hall, ———. Floral Hall, E. J. Tyler. Assistants, Miss Lillie Hine, Mrs. J. A. Smith.

General Police, J. T. Tiffany.

Regulations: The address will be delivered by Henry Stewart, Hackensack, N. J., Thursday, 2:30 P. M. Plowing match on the farm of Mrs. H. M. Jones, Wednesday, 2 P. M.

D. L. HINE,

W. JEFFERS,

A. T. SWEET.

H. L. SWEET, President.

LEE TIFFANY, Secretary.

In the awards our present President, E. E. Jones, then 15 years old, had best grade Devon heifer, 3 years old; and second best 1 year old. Ira Moss has premiums, three on swine. M. Hayden carries off most of the poultry. J. P. Taylor (editor *Independent Republican*) had potatoes. A. Stearns, D. O. Turrell, Mrs. P. Decker, champion butter makers. L. R. Peck took diploma on mowing machine. Mrs. E. Potter, linen hose. Ornamental needlework begins to be a wilderness of names. Special premium of \$4 to Mrs. D. C. Ainey for oil paintings.

Plowing, S. A. Shook, E. L. Peck, M. T. Perrigo, E. B. Smith, E. B. Potter, A. Ryneerson.

Henry Stewart was Agricultural editor of the New York *Times*. The writer remembers the earnestness of his speech; full of advice; but some of it hardly practicable for farmers. He exhorted to thoroughness in work. Said farmers did not pulverize the soil sufficiently. "Harrow, harrow, harrow," he exclaimed with increasing force on each word, and emphatic gesture.

No record of the day or music. Our memory is that it was good weather. And D. L. Hine says: "Successful Fair. Received \$1,050. The most ever received."

Feb. 5, 1883. Annual Meeting. Prof. H. S. Sweet in the Chair. Treasurer's report accepted as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To amount on hand, Feb. 6, 1882.....	\$382.02	
To receipts for 1882 .....	1,050.87	
To interest .....	10.83	
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	\$1,443.72	
By premiums paid, 1882.....		\$517.00
By expenses .....		388.44
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		\$905.44
Cash on hand, Feb. 5, 1883.....		\$538.28

Officers elected: President, Prof. H. S. Sweet; Vice President, G. R. Resseguie; Secretary, Lee Tiffany; Treasurer, Joseph L. Williams; Executive Committee (3 years), W. Jeffers; Auditors, E. S. P. Hine, H. Pennepacker.

Whereas; It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to call from our midst our highly esteemed freind and fellow-member, John Blanding, and

Whereas, This Society has parted with one of its earliest, most active and useful members. It is therefore deemed just and proper to place upon our records some recognition of the confidence and esteem in which he was held by the members of our organization.

An association of a more pleasing character for many years with the deceased induced us to feel for him, while living, the most cherished friendship, and in his death, the most profound sorrow. Generous in his disposition, affable and pleasant in his manner, and in all the phases of life he proved himself a man of ability and sterling integrity, performing zealously the duties and responsibilities committed to his care. Wise in his counsel, and stable in his friendship, as a citizen, parent, friend, he leaves behind him the proud legacy of a blameless reputation and an honored name. Be it therefore,

Resolved, That we tender to his family and friends the assurance of our sympathy in their affliction, and the only thought that can reconcile us to our mutual loss is that it was so ordained by Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, That the foregoing preamble and resolutions be recorded upon our books, and that a copy of the same be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

A vote of thanks was extended to Dr. Galbraith for two volumes of the Devon American Herd Book, presented to the Society.

On motion it was ordered that more premiums be offered and the list extended on vegetables at the discretion of the Excutive Committee.

On motion it was ordered that a suitable track be made for the exhibition of horses.

On motion it was ordered that the Secretary cause the proceedings of this meeting to be published in the county papers.

The twenty-sixth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 26 and 27, 1883.

Premiums offered, \$788.50. Class II. Division 9 is "Dairy Cows." Superseding Grade German Belt. Class XIII. Ornamental Needlework is made into Division 1 and 2; with judges for each. A new class, XVII., Special Crop premiums, is given up to Hiram Sibley & Co. The company offers worthy premiums to worthy crops raised from their seeds.

General Superintendent, H. C. Moxley. Of Cattle, F. A. Osborn. Assistant, E. L. Peck. Sheep and Swine, C. D. Gunn. Vegetable Hall, Eugene Loomis. Dairy Hall, E. M. Carpenter. Mechanics' Hall, A. E. Tiffany. Floral Hall, E. J. Tyler. Assistants, W. E. Reynolds, Miss E. L. Lindsey, Miss L. J. Hine.

General Police, J. T. Tiffany.

Regulations: The Address will be delivered on Thursday at 2:30 P. M., by Col. J. D. Laciard, Wilkes-Barre.

Plowing match on the Fair Ground farm, Wednesday, 2 P. M.

D. L. HINE,  
W. JEFFERS,  
A. T. SWEET.

PROF. H. S. SWEET, President.

LEE TIFFANY, Secretary.

In the awards, Class II. Division 9. Best Dairy Cows, 8 head, H. C. Moxley. Best butter makers, A. T. Sweet, H. W. Tyler, J. M. Brundage. Class XVI. Grade Holstein Bull, B. Burdick. Sibley's premiums: Acre of corn, H. S. Estabrook; Manzel wortzels, J. B. Hotchkiss.

Plowing, E. E. Smith, C. J. Allen, M. T. Perrigo, A. S. Allen, D. Andrews, E. L. Peck.

*Independent Republican*, Oct. 1, 1883: "The Agricultural Fair and exhibition at Harford was unquestionably a fine success. While the display was excellent, it was necessarily limited by reason of the several similar exhibitions held or to be held



in other sections of the county. The attendance of the people was large beyond all expectations. We should say that not less than five thousand were on the grounds on Thursday. If all the Agricultural Societies in our county could be united, we could have an annual Fair magnificent in its proportions. We congratulate the management of the Society on their success and on the systematic way they have of doing things. (Editorial.)

*Independent Republican*, Oct. 1, 1883: "We are just home from the Harford Fair; what a delightful day it has been; how we enjoyed it. It has imbued us with new life, new hopes, new faith, new love for our vocation as a farmer's wife. To-night we are glad that the partner of our joys is not a lawyer, doctor, or even a member of the legislature. To-night we are glad for the rocky bit of land we call a farm; in fact we feel, woman fashion, as if we wanted a new buggy and a new cutter lined with 'old gold' plush; we want one with two seats; and with our partner on the front seat, and ourselves on the other, we could ride very comfortably, and have room occasionally to take in a grandchild; and we want a harness all shiny and bright, and a plow, and a spring-tooth harrow, and a big dairy of Jerseys and broadbacked Devons, and a creamer, and make our butter in pretty half-pound pats, with prints of poseys on top, and we want to raise calves, and have a yoke of black oxen, and big red ones with blue ribbons tied on their horns, and we want a black colt just like one we saw to-day, and we want Berkshire and Jersey Red pigs, and—yes, we are determined to *have* them all, every one. We will not be like the fellow who wanted a bosom pin so bad that he could wear his old hat and go barefoot; we will not be that way quite, but we *will* wear our old hat and cloak, too, and pin our collar with a thorn, and—and—what will we not have! We'll keep bees in chaff hives and have boxes and boxes of honey. My! didn't it look good though! How we did want a warm biscuit all buttered and honeyed; oh, yes, we will keep bees next year, and we'll set out peach trees, and grape vines, and have pears and plums, and quinces, too; don't know how we are going to do all these things, but we *are* going to do it some way.

"We don't care a pin because their orator hadn't one word to say in praise of woman's work in the agricultural world; we don't care, because they always get a lawyer or editor or captain or colonel to talk to the farmers, and think there is not a woman smart enough in these United States to present our side of the question. We know that the old saying, old as the andirons and foot-stoves they had there, that all men are created free and equal, means women as well as men.

"And then, too, all the dear old friends that we saw there; how we hugged and kissed and shook hands and joked over the wrinkles and gray hairs. What a laugh we had when one of our number went after her daughter to show her to us, telling her to come and see some of the *girls*. It was such a pleasant reminiscence to us *grandmothers*.

"We have forgotten for to-night that we are old, and gray-headed, and rheumatic, and have to wear spectacles, but feel as if we had just—yes, just got married and set up house-keeping, and the world was all before us waiting to be conquered by hard toil, frugality and perseverance.

"We have forgotten the failures in life; its many changes and cruel disappointments; we have forgotten the many times we have been a hindrance instead of a help in life's labors; we have forgotten that the other shore is almost in sight and we soon to be ferried over; we have forgotten it all; and to-night Alladin's lamp burns as brightly for us as it did in the days gone by. Bless old Harford forever, we are young to-night!

"Brooklyn, Sept. 27, 1883."

*Independent Republican*, Oct. 22: "Give us your hand. Your letter in *Republican* was refreshing, invigorating inspiring. It seemed to take us back a half century in less time than it has taken to express it, to the happy days of farm life, when work was play and care an unknown experience—'when love and hope and life were'—when the fragrance of new mown hay and the fun of taking the lunch basket to the meadows was happiness enough for us. And oh, those flower beds of those olden times, filled with sweet-scented jessamine and lavender and gay princess feather and marigolds, and Sweet

Williams, and many more as beautiful with names that meant something, so that when your lover, tried and true (not your best 'fellow,' as nowadays), handed you a bouquet, in a quiet, modest way, you understood its language to mean something. That was before the days of 'modern sprouts, with stick, and glass, and empty head.' It was before the times when farm life was unpopular, or distasteful, but considered an honorable occupation by all, and thanks to fairs and kindred festivals, we believe old-time love is returning for one of the most healthy, happy, and independent occupations that ever blest humanity.

"But to go back to the Harford Fair; we *were there ourselves*, and enjoyed it more than any day for a long time. Such bountiful tables and dinner baskets, and such elegant specimens of fruit and vegetables, to say nothing of 'honey made in chaff hives,' was convincing proof that patient labor brings reward; and the splendid cattle, and the little black pig, and the beautiful exhibits in the domestic department might well be mentioned in the same sentence, as they were equally deserving.

"And we noticed the large number of robust, good-looking farmer boys, and happy-looking farmer girls, and we hope that many of them will find "the rocky bit of land" they will call home in old Susquehanna County, for we doubt if there is much more happiness in any other place, or if greater improvement has been made elsewhere, in facilities for labor saving both for man and woman.

"Though since the happy days of 1840, at Franklin Academy, many dear faces have passed behind 'the low green tent whose curtain never outward swings,' we were glad to meet so many upon whom time had made so little changes, and shall certainly look forward to the time we may hope to meet again at Harford Fair, but if not, at the Golden Gate.

"Great Bend, Oct. 5, 1883.

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The Montrose Band furnished the music. Total receipts at the gate, \$1,062.

Diary of D. L. Hine: Sept. 27, 1883. "Largest attendance at the Fair ever known."

Feb. 4, 1884. Record of Annual Meeting lost. Financial condition was good.

Officers elected: President, Prof. H. S. Sweet; Secretary, Lee Tiffany; Treasurer, C. H. Johnston; Executive Committee (3 years), D. L. Hine.

The Executive Committee leased five acres, which is fenced in with the original ground. They built a large addition to Mechanics' Hall, added to the dining-room, and erected a Secretary's office, with baggage-room connected.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 24 and 25, 1884.

Premiums offered, \$854. Class II. Division 9, is Holsteins instead of Dairy Cows. And Division 9½ is Grade Holsteins.

C. C. Pratt, C. D. Ransom, F. E. Moxley, E. W. Farrar, Gilbert Fordham, O. M. Dolaway, James C. Bushnell (Ararat), Mrs. E. E. Titus, O. C. Whitney, Mrs. J. M. Leslie, Mrs. M. J. Hartley, are new names among the judges.

General Superintendent, H. C. Moxley. Of Cattle, E. L. Peck. Assistant, M. D. Decker. Sheep and Swine, C. D. Gunn. Vegetable Hall, H. M. Seeley. Dairy Hall, A. E. Tiffany. Mechanics' Hall, Charles Fish. Floral Hall, E. J. Tyler. Assistants: W. E. Reynolds, Miss E. L. Lindsey, Miss L. J. Hine.

General Police, J. T. Tiffany.

Regulations: The address will be delivered on Thursday, 2:30 P. M., by Prof. J. D. Waller, Jr., Principal of State Normal school, Bloomsburg, Pa.

The plowing match will be on the Fair Ground farm, Wednesday, 2 P. M.

W. JEFFERS,  
A. T. SWEET.  
D. L. HINE,

PROF. H. S. SWEET, President.  
LEE TIFFANY, Secretary.

In the awards, L. Tewksbury leads on Holsteins. N. Sped-

ding on oxen. L. Tewksbury, greatest variety of fruit. W. S. Sophia of vegetables. A. T. Sweet, L. R. Peck, Mrs. P. H. Tiffany on butter. Miss Mattie Osterhout, best wheat bread. Belle Senior, 10 years, wheat bread, especially worthy of mention. E. T. Senior, best maple sugar. L. R. Peck has diploma, best mowing machine (Bradley). Bingham & Bookstaver, best market wagon and sleigh. Mrs. Charles Felton, best wool blanket. Mrs. A. G. Hollister, best rag carpet. Mrs. J. L. Williams, best hand-made linen lace. Mrs. L. S. Everett, best patch work quilt. Mrs. Homer Tingley, best lady's apron. Mrs. Lee Tiffany, best floral design. Bert Blakeslee, best bracket. G. S. Blowers, a lot of baskets. O. C. Whitney, cabinet of coins, admired by all.

Plowing: A. S. Allen, A. H. Harding, M. W. Palmer, James Mack, William Baldwin, F. E. Cook.

Our diary reads: "Good weather; large attendance. Total receipts, \$1,300."

From *Independent Republican*, Sept. 29, 1884: "Early Thursday morn last, a party of six left Montrose with the bold intention of seeing the Harford Fair. The clouds had been heavy and threatening, and we had been but a short time on the road when we were overtaken by a lively shower which came near causing us to turn back. But still hoping, if not believing, that the day's fulfilment would be better than its promise, we pushed forward, and in due time reached Harford Village.

Here we were fully impressed with the idea that the morning's threatening aspect had not deterred anybody in the country round about from leaving their homes, for from all directions loads of people in all sorts of vehicles were driving in and taking their way towards the Fair Grounds on the hill.

"Having come to determine whether the proverbial attractiveness of this Fair was fact or fiction, we at once began our tour of observation; here we found many fine exhibits of cattle of various breeds and grades. Of these we will mention six remarkably fine specimens of Holsteins, belonging to

Tewksbury and Page; the mammoth bull, 5 years old, weighing 2,300 pounds. D. & J. Banker, Franklin, a fine herd of Devons; L. R. Peck some fine Grade Durhams; and H. L. Bailey, Brooklyn, two full-blooded Jersey calves, one of which was nine months old, and weighed 624 pounds. There were also many other rare exhibits of cattle which had merit sufficient to entitle them to special mention.

"In the various halls and buildings devoted to the various products of the farm, garden, orchard, shop, home, we found much to interest and occupy our attention. Among the floral offerings we noticed some very choice specimens exhibited by Mrs. E. A. Smith, Mrs. W. W. Bullard, Miss S. J. Potter, Miss Carrie Marsh. Of articles of household manufacture, domestic and ornamental needlework, there was a highly creditable display. \* \* \*

"The paintings of Mrs. D. C. Ainey, New Milford, and Mrs. W. R. Blakeslee, Harford, were objects of much attention, and high praise, as they well deserved to be.

"There was also a museum, or relic department, which presented many quaint and rare articles of old-fashioned design and use. The flax hatchel, the 'bellowses,' the punctured tin lantern, the foot stove, the ball for grinding grain, the bear trap, the grain cradle hung to the natural laurel crook, and many others, brought vividly to the minds of many the good old days when wants were few, lives more simple, and perhaps more virtuous and honest, than in these fast days, when we walk so much on stilts, work so much on the patent plan, and act and think with so much of the mighty rush of steam. This department held the special attention of many of the older people, as well as the more inquiring minds of the younger portion of the crowd.

"The boys and girls of the Soldiers' Orphan School were present, and comported themselves in a very orderly, commendable manner.

"The address was delivered by Col. J. A. Price, Scranton. Those who gave it attention pronounced it good.

"The performance of the New Milford Band was most commendable; and we trust we shall not injure feelings when

we unhesitatingly say that we believe it one of the best bands in the county.

"The crowd in attendance was large, and was variously estimated from 3,000 to 4,000 people.

"The receipts at the gate were \$1,150."

Feb. 2, 1885. Annual Meeting. Prof. H. S. Sweet in the Chair. Treasurer reported as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To amount on hand Feb. 4, 1884.....	\$946.78	
" " received for tickets, 1884.....	1,056.12	
" " " for stands, dining-rooms, etc. ....	138.53	
To amount received for baggage-room...	8.40	
" " " " plowing. . . . .	7.00	
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	\$2,256.83	
By premiums paid, 1884 . . . . .		\$566.00
By expenses paid, 1884.....		895.25
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		\$1,461.25
Cash on hand, Feb. 2, 1885 . . . . .		795.58

The President decided that all have a right to vote at this meeting who are qualified electors in their respective election districts.

Officers elected: President, Prof. H. S. Sweet; Vice President, W. B. Guile; Secretary, Lee Tiffany; Treasurer, C. H. Johnston; Executive Committee (3 years), R. D. Stowe; Auditors, F. A. Osborn, H. Sweet.

On motion ordered that the Secretary be paid a salary of \$40 per annum.

Resolved, That an appropriate School Exhibit be a feature at our next Fair; the amount of premium be left to the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Resolved, That we recommend the Executive Committee to offer premiums for the best bull, 3 years old and upward, on each class and division of stock now receiving premiums.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to paint the buildings on the ground; painting as many this year as they think the funds will allow.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 30, and Oct. 1, 1885.

Premiums offered, \$960.50. The classes and divisions now number 32. Class XVII. appears, first time. It is a School Exhibit. Division 1. Ungraded School pupils. Division 2. Ungraded School teachers. Division 3. Graded School pupils. Division 4. Graded School teachers. Maps, penmanship, business or social letter, drawing, free-hand drawing, are assigned to pupils; charts, questions, school apparatus, to teachers. Judges for this new class are Dr. W. W. Fletcher, Uniondale; Miss Mary Sherer, South Montrose; Miss Cornelia McMillan, New Milford.

General Superintendent, H. C. Moxley. Of Cattle, E. L. Peck. Assistant, M. D. Decker. Sheep and Swine, C. D. Gunn. Vegetable Hall, H. M. Seeley. Dairy Hall, George Titus. Mechanics' Hall, W. P. Gardner. Floral Hall, E. J. Tyler. Assistants, W. E. Reynolds, Mrs. W. E. Reynolds, Miss E. L. Lindsey.

General Police, J. T. Tiffany.

Regulations: Plowing match on Fair Ground farm, Wednesday, 2 P. M. A baggage-room has been placed on the grounds directly back of the Secretary's office, in which all wishing bundles, baskets, whips, robes, etc., cared for, can be accommodated at a cost of ten cents, and the Society will become responsible for all parcels when left in their care until 6 P. M. same day.

PROF. H. S. SWEET, President.  
LEE TIFFANY, Secretary.

D. L. HINE,  
W. JEFFERS,  
R. D. STOWE.

\* In the awards, F. L. Lindsey comes in twice on colts; the Conklins have the Durhams; Sherwood, Lindsey, Peck, Whit-



ney on Grades; W. H. Jones and the Bankers have the Devons; M. F. Tingley, E. M. Tingley on Grades; H. L. Bailey carries off the Jerseys; Christopher Byrne, Choconut, has the Ayrshires; but Ira Moss the best; Page, Tewksbury, Holsteins; P. C. Conklin best oxen; Henry W. Booth on steers; W. L. Perry, G. W. Squires, sheep; J. Walworth, swine; E. W. Watson, Leghorns; E. E. Titus, Plymouth Rocks; B. O. Watrous on timothy seed; the Westons three times on fruit and vegetables; A. T. Sweet, Mrs. W. Palmer, J. B. Raub, lead on butter; Mrs. H. A. Barnard, wheat bread; John Strupler, maple sugar; H. J. Harding, harness; G. W. Dickerman, mowing machine; W. E. Reynolds, single carriage; O. C. Tallman, horseshoes; Mrs. Lucinda Potter, wool socks; Mrs. William Alyswoth, woolen yarn; Mrs. F. A. Osborn, Mrs. C. E. Brainard, rag carpet; Miss Helen Hartley four times in needle work; Miss Helen Read, crochet; Mrs. D. K. Oakley, tablespread; Mrs. G. R. Resseguie, patchwork quilt; Miss Maggie Alexander, pillow shams; Mrs. A. J. Gere, embroidered underwear; Miss Agnes Hill, worked collar; Miss Clara M. Tiffany, ladies' apron; Mrs. E. Stewart, Mrs. H. Pennepacker, paintings; G. H. Frazier, crayon drawing; Mrs. E. A. Smith, Mrs. H. N. Tiffany, floral design; Mrs. S. J. Sparkes, picture frame; G. E. Resseguie, geological and mineralogical collection. In the School Exhibit: G. U. Sanford, Carrie Dimmick, best maps of Pennsylvania; Nelson J. Tiffany, Louie Mann, best maps of Susquehanna County.; Jennie Howard, Lulu Follet, Blanche Crowell, penmanship. Among teachers, C. M. Bullard, Miss Kate Quinlan, Mrs. O. W. Burman, list of questions; Prof. W. L. Thatcher, chart and globe. Special mention of primary work, S. Gibson, Prof. George Ross, principal.

Plowing: Henry Chamberlain, A. S. Allen, M. W. Palmer, A. H. Harding, Fulmer Decker, J. D. Mack.

Secretary Lee Tiffany closes the awards with this notice: "I suggest to exhibitors another year to send their entries by mail to the Secretary before the Fair; and their cards will be ready when called for. By so doing you will save valuable time to both parties.

Here was outlined a reform that came in after years to be the rule.

Our diary reads: "Beautiful day. Largest attendance yet. Receipts at gate, \$1,402."

*Independent Republican*, Oct. 5, 1885: "Thursday the attendance was large, it being estimated that about six thousand persons were present. The large space devoted to the accommodation of horses and carriages was occupied long before 11 o'clock, and the Society refunded money to many who could not find hitching room within the grounds, that they might retire outside, where it was hoped Harford Township might afford a corner possibly unoccupied. We believe that the receipts at the gate were about \$1,500, and we would not be surprised if they would reach \$2,000 from all sources. Secretary Lee Tiffany informed us that the entries of exhibits amounted to nearly double those of any previous Fair. Last year they had 750 exhibits; this year over 1,300. . . .

"The exhibit of stock was large and did great credit to the stock raisers of the county, and we doubt if any other Fair in the State has shown a better display of cattle, horses, sheep, swine and poultry.

"In Horticultural Hall we noticed some fine potatoes exhibited by L. R. Peck, an 80-pound pumpkin by G. E. Tiffany, a fine display of vegetables by W. S. Sophia, luscious grapes by W. B. Whitney and E. A. & E. L. Weston, apples by Hon. G. R. Resseguie and H. H. Wise, corn by George W. Tiffany—53 ears weighing 57 pounds. J. O. Manson, seeds and variety of vegetables, etc., etc.

"In another building we noticed some very pretty crazy quilts exhibited by Mrs. John Hudman, Mrs. W. H. Mead, Miss Kate L. Ward; Mrs. O. Ward, burr work; George A. Trip, South Gibson, and Mrs. M. J. Hartley, beautiful and artistic scroll work; Mrs. H. S. Sweet and Mrs. S. J. Sparks, oil and water color paintings; the Brooklyn Graded School, a most creditable exhibition of maps, penmanship, drawings, etc. Our Montrose artist, G. H. Frazier, exhibited some specimens of his work. The buildings devoted to the display of the respective articles were filled with exhibits.

"The exhibit of carriages was large. The display of agricultural implements not as complete as we would like to have seen. There were plows, harrows, reapers, hay rakes, etc., etc., among which we notice the Tiger Coil Spring Harrow, E. Snyder, South Gibson, agent.

"The weather was delightful; good order prevailed; the music was enchanting; the speech of Mr. Ammerman highly appreciated by the farmers; the provisions for feeding the people ample; in fact, the most satisfactory condition of affairs existed to please every visitor, and likewise the Harford Agricultural Society."

Feb. 1, 1886. Annual Meeting. Minutes of the last meeting approved.

Treasurer reports as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To amount on hand, Feb. 2, 1885.....	\$795.58	
" " received for tickets.....	1,412.50	
" " " from baggage-room..	6.80	
" " " " plowing . . . . .	7.00	
" " " " stands, dining-hall, etc. . . . .	153.00	
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	\$2,374.88	
By paying premiums, 1885.....		\$678.50
" " expenses, 1885.....		587.61
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		\$1,266.11
Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1886.....		1,108.77

Officers elected: President, W. B. Guile; Vice president, A. T. Sweet; Secretary, Lee Tiffany; Treasurer, C. H. Johnston; Executive Committee (3 years), W. Jeffers; Auditors, W. S. Sophia, C. H. Stearns.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered the retiring President, Prof. H. S. Sweet, for the interest taken in our Society, and the very efficient manner in which he has performed the duties of said office for a long term of years.

The Executive Committee report: They have secured a lease of two and one-half acres of land which will be enclosed the coming summer in connection with the ground already in use. They also contemplate securing more water by digging another well; making a track for the better exhibition of horses; repairing and painting Mechanics' Hall; building new stands and making such other improvements as the funds will allow.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the President to procure a speaker for each annual Fair, the amount of funds to be used for this purpose to be limited by the Executive Committee. Adjourned.

Just previous to the Annual Fair, this year, the Secretary, Lee Tiffany, compiled a history of the Society. Though brief, occupying one and a half columns in the New Milford Advertiser, it was well written. In closing he well says: "I have given this statement to the people that they may know how the business of the Society is managed, and how the money is used which is given so liberally by them. The Society has been very fortunate in securing the services of their executive officers. In the twenty-eight years of its existence there has never been a hint of any dishonesty. The Society has never been incorporated, and custom allows all over 21 years old to vote in our annual meetings. Of the twenty-eight Fairs held, there have been but two adjourned on account of bad weather. Only one office vacancy has occurred by death. There were seventy-six members at its organization; and of these forty are still living.

"We respectfully invite you to attend the coming Fair, and bring with you some article of the farm or household for exhibition. Look back to the last year's successful exhibition, and strive by united and friendly rivalry to outdo even that."

R. M. Stocker, compiler of Peck's Susquehanna County History, 1887, says: "The Harford Agricultural Society has been successful from the beginning, and the interest has been increased from year to year until all the surrounding townships have become interested, making their annual Fairs the

best in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Its success is due to the honesty and fairness with which its business has been conducted, the liberal and democratic spirit that has been shown in distributing the offices, and the intelligence of its managers. And further, it is purely a farmers' Fair, without attendant horse racing, gambling and drinking."

The Twenty-ninth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 28 and 29, 1886.

Premiums offered, \$998.50. Premiums are offered for herds of eight, in the five full-blood divisions. The School Exhibit is changed. Division 1. Ungraded pupils. Division 2. Graded pupils. Division 3. Ungraded teachers. Division 4. Graded teachers. Maps of United States and North America are added, for pupils; also penmanship under 8, 12, 16 years. Plan of school house, program of daily exercises, course of study are added for teachers.

Restrictions are appended; uniformity, penmanship, time, name, age, school district, teacher, must accompany pupil's exhibits; and teachers competing must belong to Susquehanna County and be in the work.

General Superintendent, H. C. Moxley. Of Cattle, E. L. Peck. Assistant, A. Hawley. Sheep and swine, C. D. Gunn. Vegetable Hall, W. P. Carpenter. Dairy Hall, George Titus. Mechanics' Hall, H. G. Adams. Floral Hall, E. J. Tyler. Assistants, W. E. Reynolds, Miss E. L. Lindsey, Miss Lettie Tennant.

General Police, W. H. Patterson.

Regulations: Plowing match will be on Fair Ground farm, Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2 P. M. (The thirteen other rules, always attached to every premium list, not necessarily repeated.)

D. L. HINE,

W. JEFFERS,

R. D. STOWE.

W. B. GUILLE, President.

LEE TIFFANY, Secretary.

In the awards, L. J. DeWitt has best horses for all work; E. C. Peck, best brood mare; Arthur E. Robinson, H. M. Benson, colts; H. M. Johnson, nearly all the Durhams; E. W. Spencer, best yearlings, and J. F. Irwin, best heifer, Grades; B. E. Smith has nearly all the Devons; Joseph Brundage, best bull, Grade; C. F. Whitney has the Jerseys; E. E. Titus the Grades; J. F. Butterfield, most of the Ayrshires; Ira Moss, the Grades; Lackawanna Breeders' Association, most of the Holsteins; M. W. Chamberlain, J. P. Page, the Grades; B. E. Smith, C. H. Stearns, E. J. Tyler, oxen; W. M. Wilmarth, L. D. Wilmarth, sheep; Walworth, swine; D. M. Farrar, Elmer Tiffany, T. D. Darrow, poultry; R. J. Alexander, A. Darrow, corn; P. V. Dunn, Thomas Wescott, Owen Tiffany, fruit and vegetables; C. W. Resseguie, D. C. Perry, Mrs. P. H. Tiffany, butter; Mrs. Frank Carpenter, wheat bread; Walter Watson, cider vinegar; C. Lupton, all the harness; George Gage, road machine (Victor); W. E. Reynolds, R. Gelatt, buggy; J. T. Quinlan, chairs; Dyer & Hughes, organ; Mrs. O. N. Tiffany, three times on domestics; Mrs. Frank Seymour, linen toweling; Miss L. M. Boswell, Miss Nellie Gillespie, crochet; Miss Ella Stowe, ottoman cover; Miss May Higgins, best display; Miss Gertrude Ely, quilt; Mrs. W. B. Guile, Mrs. W. E. Reynolds, ladies' aprons; G. H. Frazier, best oil painting; Mrs. J. F. Irwin, variety of flowers; Mrs. G. G. Woodward, artificial flowers; H. N. Tiffany, family record; A. Barrett, potato digger; Horace Sweet, cranberries. Miss Mary L. Griffis, best maps; Vertie Dix, penmanship under 8 years; Nellie Lindsey, under 12; Mabel C. Potter, under 16. Among Graded School pupils, Gus. Sanford, Nina Adams, Effie Tingley, Smith Peck, best maps; Nellie Parrish, penmanship under 8; Clara Lindsey, under 12; Winnie Sweet, under 16; Velma Peck, best social letter. Among Ungraded School teachers, Anna Harding, John Ferguson, best list of questions; among Graded School teachers, Prof. W. L. Thacher, best chart, best course of study; Miss Lou Kent, best questions.

Plowing: H. J. Chamberlain, M. T. Perigo, E. L. Peck, E. L. Manzer, D. Manning.

Our diary reads: "Sept. 28. On Fair Ground, p. m. Swel-

*Anna Lindsey's*

tering weather; showers. Sept. 29. Heavy rain last night. Clears off at 8 A. M. and cooler. Very pleasant day. Providential. Largest Fair yet. \$1,400 at gate. \$1,600 in all. Gibson Band. Supt. B. E. James gave the address. Hard, cheerful work with Sec. Tiffany."

And this year,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres more to grounds. Another well dug, 96 feet deep; 75 feet drilled, costing \$192.

*Independent Republican*, Oct. 4, 1886. "The weather on Tuesday and Tuesday evening cast a damper not only on the earth, but on the spirits of the officers and exhibitors at the Harford Fair.

"Wednesday was looked forward to with ill-concealed anxiety by all those specially interested, as well as by the thousands who each year make their calculations to attend the Fair.

"But 'all signs fail,' and Wednesday broke clear with a cool, bracing air. This year was no exception to the apparent fact that many people have a fondness for making a trip to Harford, 'about this time o'year.' Whether the officers of the Society are such genial fellows, whether the exhibits are more superior, or more numerous, or whether there is some irresistible attraction about the atmosphere or grounds that call people there, we are not prepared to say; but the fact remains that go they do, and in such numbers as to delight the eyes of the gatekeeper, and swell with golden shekels the Society's treasury.

"The lover of good horses would have found it difficult to decide, "if he had his pick," which one of the many and beautiful animals he would prefer to call his own. As at the Montrose Fair, the large number of fine colts was a noticeable feature, showing that the farmers of Susquehanna County believe it just as cheap to own a good horse as a poor one.

"In the Cattle Department, also, the fact was emphasized that Susquehanna County farmers are fast learning that it costs no more to raise and maintain a "blooded cow" than it does a "scrub" or mongrel. With the raising of sheep, swine, poultry, they recognize the same fact, and the advancement in this branch of agricultural improvement has been a

marked feature of the Agricultural Fairs of the county for several years past.

"The dairy interest, pre-eminent in our county, found many and able representatives, and the golden-hued butter there exhibited need never fear its bogus fraud, whether stamped with a government "Oleo" stamp or not.

"The display of agricultural implements and labor-saving machinery attracted much attention.

"The ladies—and what would Fairs, and in fact, the world be without them, evinced their supremacy in at least two departments; the Domestic or *home*, and the Beautiful, or, well, *parlor* "fixin's and sich." While one department had greatest attraction for the eye, the other had equally strong attractions for the—well, the inner man. Toothsome-looking bread and biscuit, flanked by tempting looking pies and cake, interspersed by palate-tickling jellies, etc., were displayed in such appetizing array as to make a hungry man frantic. In the "beautiful" department the ladies had vied with each other in producing those wondrously beautiful things, and we cannot help but wonder how our farmers' wives and daughters ever find time, or have patience to make them. They cheer and brighten the home, and combine the useful with the beautiful.

In the Art Department, George H. Frazier, our talented young townsman, had two very fine specimens of crayon work, and oil painting on exhibition.

The address by Prof. James was listened to by a large audience, and besides being interesting, contained many practical hints that the farmers will doubtless remember.

The Gibson Band furnished excellent music besides contributing an attraction in the shape of a beautiful band wagon. The following is a portion of their program: The Wayside Chapel. Quickstep, "Montrose," by H. E. Coggs well. "Sem-inola," by Goetz. Quickstep, Tilden's. The Tuba's Pride. "Git Up and Git." "Good-Bye, Lover, Good-Bye." "Sweet Spirit, Hear My Prayer."

The Harford Fair Grounds are admirably adapted for the purpose, and, until a few years since, seemed ample to accommodate all visitors. Two years ago the Society enlarged



their grounds, expecting that they had fully met the demand for increased accommodations, but the crowd of last year demonstrated that further expansion was necessary, and this year they added nearly five acres, supposing they would now have room enough and to spare. But Wednesday every available space devoted to horses and vehicles was occupied; and now the Society are canvassing the feasibility of taking in the rest of Harford Township.

*Montrose Democrat*, Oct. 1. "As in old times all roads led to Rome, so did, on Wednesday, all roads in its locality lead to the Harford Fair, and over these roads came the people, of all ages and circumstances, to enjoy the exhibition, and 'see who was there.' . . . There was, anyway, all those several things that go to make up a Fair, lots of fine cattle and horses, big pumpkins and beets; the young man dressed in his Sunday-go-to-meeting suit, accompanied by his best girl; a few crying babies; Tony Reynolds 'crying' auction goods and cracking jokes much older than the Harford Fair; the farm machinery, new and improved; beautiful quilts and crazy things generally, the handiwork of the ladies; the people who claim they had better articles at home than any at the Fair; apples and pears that make one's mouth water; the fellow who always thinks some other fair is much better; old relics of various kinds, etc., etc.

The Gibson Band was present; a good one. D. P. Brewster fed the hungry. Taken all in all, it was a fine exhibition."

Feb. 7, 1887. Annual Meeting. Treasurer reported as follows:

To amount on hand Feb. 1, 1886.....	\$1,108.77	
" " received for tickets, '86.....	1,410.90	
" " " " plowing.....	5.00	
" " " " baggage.....	10.20	
" " " " stands, privileges.....	207.07	
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	\$2,741.94	
By paying premiums, 1886.....		\$744.50
" " expenses, 1886.....		1,255.53
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		\$2,000.03
Cash on hand, Feb. 7, 1887.....		741.91

Stormy night, but large attendance.

The Executive Committee reported: In the past year they have leased and enclosed two and a half acres, erected posts and twelve hundred feet of poles for hitching, set one hundred stall poles, dug one well, built and painted six stands; painted, shingled, and made general repairs on Mechanics' Hall, provided boards for school exhibit, prepared ground for exhibiting horses, etc.

Report accepted and thanks returned the committee for the efficient manner in which the labor was done.

Resolved, That where two or more persons are nominated for one office, we vote by ballot.

Officers elected: President, W. B. Guile; Vice President, A. T. Sweet; Secretary, Lee Tiffany; Treasurer, C. H. Johnston; Executive Committee (3 years), E. J. Tyler; Auditors, W. S. Sophia, C. H. Stearns.

R. D. Stowe having one year to serve as Executive Committee, tendered his resignation, which was not accepted.

D. L. Hine, whose term of office expired, was nominated for re-election, but asked to be excused.

Resolved, That we hereby tender the thanks of this Society to David L. Hine, in token of our appreciation of his ever faithful, efficient, and continued service as an officer of the Society since its organization.

Rev. Nestor Light suggested the propriety of the Society establishing a public library; although being a resident of our town but a short time, he expressed himself as very much pleased with the wonderful success of the Society. He complimented the township in sending out to the world a large number of able and influential men, and thought we had plenty of material for more, but we need literature for their better cultivation.

Horace Sweet, W. S. Sophia and others spoke favorably of the undertaking.

Resolved, That we recommend the Executive Committee at their discretion to use \$50 or \$75 for the purpose of estab-

lishing a public library for this town, provided the same amount be subscribed by the citizens. The books bought to treat on scientific and agricultural subjects.

Resolved, That we recommend the Executive Committee to offer separate premiums for professional and amateur work in the art department.

Resolved, That we recommend the Executive Committee to consider "the old horse," and if they think best, to offer a premium.

On motion, adjourned.

The Thirtieth Annual Fair will be held Wednesday and Thursday, September 28 and 29, 1887.

Premiums foot \$1047. (Passing the thousand dollar mark). In poultry, White-crested White Polish, and Black Polish are added. Langstrans and Wyandottes have already a place. Best collection of fruits, also vegetables, offered \$5 each.

Sixty-three judges appointed. Those from Harford, H. D. Brewster, on horses; S. J. Lott, on colts; E. C. Capron, Durhams; J. B. Raub, Devons; A. M. Aldrich, Jerseys; U. B. Lott, Ayrshires; E. E. Titus, Holsteins; S. J. Adams, oxen; E. C. Peck, sheep; Melvin Tingley, H. M. Lindsey, poultry; Virgil G. Follet, grain; B. F. Hine, fruit and vegetables; Mrs. W. Jones, Mrs. A. M. Wilcox, butter, bread, vinegar, honey, sugar; Mrs. C. A. Stearns, domestics; Mrs. H. A. Barnard, needle-work; Mrs. R. Streeter, paintings; W. F. Tingley, H. G. Adams, A. J. Adams, plowing; W. H. Wilmarth, E. M. Tingley, unenumerated articles; Miss Eva Harding, school exhibit.

General Superintendent, H. C. Moxley. Of horses, Hon. G. E. Resseguie. Cattle, E. L. Peck. Assistant, Wallace Gow. Sheep and swine, C. D. Gunn. Vegetable Hall, H. M. Seeley. Assistant, W. J. Carpenter. Mechanics' Hall, George Titus. Floral Hall, W. E. Reynolds. Assistants, Bert Tyler, Miss E. L. Lindsey, Miss Mattie Hill.

General Police, W. H. Patterson.



*E. J. Tyler*



*W. J. Lowry*



*J. M. Clark*



*A. P. Dingley*



Regulations: Plowing match on Fair Ground farm, Wednesday, September 28, 2 P. M.

R. D. STOW,  
W. JEFFERS,  
E. J. TYLER.

W. B. GUILLE, President.  
LEE TIFFANY, Secretary.

In the awards, S. S. Wright, A. J. Adams, came in on horses; E. H. Ellsworth, G. C. Forsyth, John Potter, colts and mules; F. P. Forsyth, H. Andrews, Grade Durhams; C. C. Payne, D. C. Oakley, Grade Devons; H. L. Bailey has most of the Jerseys; J. B. Raub, H. La Bar, Grades; Rose Bros., many Holsteins; M. Perrigo, T. E. Penny, Perry Wilmarth, oxen; W. M. Wilmarth, A. M. Aldrich, sheep; Rose Bros., White Crested White Polish fowls; E. L. Avery, Black Polish; E. T. Tiffany, Langshan fowls; E. G. Oakley, corn; W. E. Dewitt, oats; C. D. Ransom, cabbages; W. H. Barnes, onions; G. W. Osmun, carrots; W. S. Sophia, watermelon; D. O. Turrell, firkin butter; E. G. Lamb, jar butter; Mrs. D. C. Brundage, bread; H. M. Lindsey, honey; Mrs. E. N. Carpenter, maple sugar; Throop & Huber, best display of farming implements; W. G. Kromer, best sewing machine (Standard); James & Holmstrom, piano; Mrs. Samuel Oakley, mittens, Mrs. Lizzie Brush, patching; Miss Addie Lindsey, darning; Mrs. C. H. Ely, Mrs. E. A. Whitney, rag carpet; Mrs. W. S. Sophia, tidy; Emma Adams, lace; Della Brundage, cotton lace; Nora Travis, silk quilt; Alice Wilmarth, pillow shams; Mrs. L. M. Gillett, infant's suit; Mrs. F. W. Guard, handkerchief; Mrs. A. M. Falkenbury, patch work quilt; Mrs. J. M. Spaulding, oil painting; Mrs. Lee Tiffany, Kensington painting; Miss Mary T. Quinlan, shell work; May Seymour, picture frame; G. B. Perry, geological collection; Mrs. H. Labar, Mrs. H. M. Lindsey, potted plants; W. H. Follet, evaporated apples; Gaylord Curtis, cranberries. School exhibit: Ettie Tingley, R. H. Simpson, S. O. S., map United States; Mary Decker, Harry J. Brush, S. O. S., map Pennsylvania; Gertie S. Ely, Rose L. Smith, Clara Lindsey, map Susquehanna Co.; Maude Robbins, penmanship, under 8 years; Grace Pope, Adah Tingley,

*mother* Bernice Tallman, under 12 years; Clara Harding, May Birchard, Nellie Smith, S. O. S., Flora Thacher, under 16; May Birchard, Miss A. L. Lindsey, social letter. Teachers: Anna Lindsey, R. May Tingley, questions; R. May Tingley, motto and program. *Bernice*

Plowing: John Bennett, M. W. Palmer, A. H. Harding, H. J. Chamberlain, M. T. Perrigo.

*Ind. Republican*, October 3, 1887: "Thursday was booked as the big day and everybody—nearly everybody in the county—calculated to be present, and there was a large attendance. The day dawned cloudy and threatening rain, deterring many from starting who lived at a distance, that had habitually attended the excellent Fairs held by this Society. Notwithstanding the threatening weather, the receipts at the gate reached \$1200; only \$200 less than last year. A casual glance at the assembly and the excellent display of exhibits betokened no diminution in interest nor any dampening of the ardor of the friends of the Society by the threatening weather. The managers, exhibitors, patrons, alike were in the best of humor, and everyone was more than satisfied, and enjoyed a good time.

"Our attention was particularly attracted to some crayons by Bert Moxley, a lad of 12 years; some samples of flower paintings by Mrs. J. M. Splauding; beautiful crayon drawings by Mrs. Lee Tiffany; artificial flowers by Mrs. G. G. Woodward; silk patch work quilt by Mrs. A. C. Harding; calico quilt by Mrs. G. L. Gere; silk quilt by Mrs. Frank Summers.

"Mr. J. O. Manson had a fine variety of seeds, and among his exhibits a mammoth pumpkin weighing 124 pounds, attracted much attention. Messrs. J. D. Benson, L. R. Peck, U. H. Payne, E. B. Potter, had fine potatoes; W. S. Sophia exhibited fine cantaloupes, watermelons, cauliflower, and celery. A. T. Sweet, C. K. Powers, A. A. Savige, exhibited mammoth samples of corn. The display of fruits, vegetables, and farm and dairy products generally was a very creditable one indeed.

"Rose Brothers' herd of 13 Holsteins; Capt. West's herd of 13 Jerseys; Lackawanna Stock Breeders' herd of 14 Holsteins;

D. & J. Banker's herd of Devons; J. F. Butterfield's Ayrshire bull; D. L. Stevens' Red Polled herd; and others; but those mentioned were worth a journey of miles to see. The stock exhibit was better than we ever saw before.

"The Fair was a success in every particular; the program was fully carried out; the exhibits were full; the music was good; Hon. Wm. Nelson, our State Senator, talked acceptably; the best of order prevailed, and everybody was pleased with the show and happy that the rain tarried above to fall some other day."

Montrose *Democrat*, October 7: "Of course the Fair this year was a success; the Harford Fair always is. People go to that Fair from force of habit, and it requires almost insurmountable obstacles to keep them away. The reason is, they always have a good time, see a fine exhibition of stock, farm produce, ladies' handiwork, and all. . . . They insisted on having a good time, for they were at Harford and that means happiness, anyway."

February 6, 1888. Annual Meeting. Record lost. Financial condition, good. Cash on hand, \$500. They granted a liberal sum to the public library, the previous year. This enterprise was then in its infancy. Erected a new Vegetable Hall. Cost, \$465.

Officers elected: President, John C. Tanner; Vice President, E. W. Watson; Secretary, Lee Tiffany; Treasurer, L. W. Moore; Executive Committee (3 years), G. L. Payne.

The Thirty-first Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, September 26 and 27, 1888.

Premiums foot \$1117.50. Class I. has 3 divisions; formerly two. The first is Thoroughbred Stallions. Pedigree is required. Red Polled and Grade, and American Holderness are added to cattle. Ayrshires are omitted. Game fowls added to poultry. Honey is "comb" and "extracted." Sulky plowing has first and second premium.

Among the judges from abroad we notice: Elmer Tiel, Summersville; A. H. Ayers, Dundaff; H. F. Manzer, Gibson;



W. T. Moxley, New Milford; Harvey Griffing, Bridgewater; E. L. Rose, Silver Lake; Herbert Abel, Gibson; E. E. Tower, Lenox; Dennis Shay and Ira Moss, New Milford; Albert Bushnell, Ararat; M. L. Tiffany, G. W. Strupler, Hopbottom; Hyde Crocker, Montrose; Rev. J. D. Bloodgood, Gibson; Mrs. W. Davenport, C. S. Page, New Milford; Rev. O. R. Beardsley, Hopbottom; Mrs. W. W. Fletcher, Susquehanna; D. N. Hardy, Glenwood; G. R. Resseguie, South Gibson.

General Superintendent, H. C. Moxley. Assistant, Hon. G. R. Resseguie. Of horses, Merritt Seeley. Cattle, H. J. Chamberlain. Sheep and swine, Geo. W. Peck. Vegetable Hall, H. M. Sleeley. Floral Hall, W. E. Reynolds. Assistants, Miss Mattie Hill, Miss Libbie Sanford.

General Police, W. H. Patterson.

Regulations: Plowing match on the Fair Ground farm, Wednesday, 2 P. M.

The address will be delivered by Hon. John A. Woodward, Center Co., Pa., Thursday, 2 P. M.

W. JEFFERS,  
E. J. TYLER,  
G. L. PAYNE.

JOHN C. TANNER, President.  
LEE TIFFANY, Secretary.

Awards: W. T. Estabrook, best road stallion, thorough bred; E. S. Garrett, single driving horse; C. Decker, colt, stallion; D. E. Whitney, four times on Grade Durhams; H. M. Seeley, Grade Devon cow; M. W. Palmer has the Jerseys; D. L. Stevens all the Red Polled; E. T. Senior, R. M. Tingley, Grades; Squires & Philips, many of the Holderness; Bert. Moore, twice on Grade Holsteins; B. E. Smith, M. Perrigo, oxen; Wm. Van Cott, sheep; M. S. Garrett, twice on same; G. D. Nash, game fowls; Arthur Estabrook, Bantams; A. Darrow, S. J. Adams, buckwheat; Carrington Bros., cabbage, celery; E. S. P. Hine, potatoes; D. O. Turrell, three premiums on butter; M. L. Tiffany, print butter; Mrs. F. W. Williams, bread; H. M. Seeley, comb honey; H. M. Lindsey, extracted honey; W. G. & F. Faatz, all the harness; W. Osterhout, buggy; J. H. Pritchard, many diplomas, same; A. M. Bronson, sewing machine, piano, organ; Mrs. Lizzie Brush, woolen

flannel and blankets; Mrs. N. F. Claflin, wool yarn; Mrs. C. G. Roe, lamp mat and rug; Mrs. W. E. Reynolds, tidy; Mrs. C. C. Pratt, lambrequin and table spread; Mrs. G. C. Howell, pin cushion; Mrs. Adah Decker, counterpane; Mrs. Fred Jewett, knit shawl; Maggie Andrews, worked skirt; Agnes Hill, two handkerchiefs; Eva J. Lee, oil painting; W. B. Roe, scroll saw work; W. L. Thacher, map of Susquehanna Co.; Mrs. H. Webber, crab apple jelly. School exhibits: Ungraded pupils: May L. Griffin, four maps; Mabel Whitney, penmanship, under 8 years; Libbie Gillespie, under 12; Clara B. Harding, Adah Tingley, under 16. Graded school pupils: Lewis Baxter, map United States; Jennie Moore, second; Maude Hastings, map Pennsylvania; Louise Sophia, second; Harry Shannon, penmanship, under 8 years; Maude Robbins, under 12; Jennie Moore, under 16; Emma McConnell, social letter; Clara Patterson, second. Ungraded teachers: Miss Anna Lindsey, chart; D. P. Replogle, course of study. Honorable mention of S. O. S.: Examination papers of Brooklyn Graded; Prof. Thacher's map Susquehanna Co.

Plowing: H. J. Chamberlain, Geo. Shay, M. T. Perrigo, G. W. Bayless, G. C. Forsyth, John Bennett. Sulky plowing, Chauncey Shay.

*Independent Republican*, October 1, 1888: "The day dawned in a manner not calculated to urge persons to start to go a great distance from home, but by nine o'clock the clouds had disappeared and the long procession of vehicles filling the roads leading to the Fair Grounds from early morn until long after noon, indicated the eagerness of the people to be present, and that this year would exceed all others in the history of the Society in numbers present. At the close of the Fair the gate receipts were found to be \$1647.85, and other receipts make the total \$1850. The receipts at the gate were \$400 more than in '87, and so from year to year the increase has been about this ratio, until it is beginning to be a serious question with the Society as to how they are going to provide room within their enclosure for the people and their conveyances. On Thursday the capacity was certainly taxed for the accommodation of horses and vehicles; every foot of ground set apart for this

purpose being occupied and many had to retire from the grounds to find room to hitch their horses.

"An inspection of the various buildings showed a wide range of contributions and of exceeding merit, and the long array of coops for the poultry, the long line of cattle, and the maneuvers of high bred horses were sights calculated to make a nineteenth century agriculturist jump with glee and admiration. They were all fine and lots of them, and as we hurriedly passed along, jostled by the crowd and compelled to take but a glance, we missed much, no doubt, that we would have been pleased to inspect.

"The Society has erected a new vegetable hall since the last Fair, and it is well adapted for the display of the products of the soil there exhibited. Vegetables and grain we never saw better. The fruit crop was not quite up to former years, but you know this is not a good fruit year. In this building were some fine specimens of drawing-school exhibits, among which the children of the Soldiers' Orphan School are entitled to great credit. We never saw a finer display of potatoes; they were large. It is said they grow that way this year, with but few in a hill. C. M. Mack had some mangel wurtzels that the wonder is how he ever got them out of the ground, and D. C. Perry had the boss Hubbard squash; it weighed thirty-eight pounds. J. T. Tiffany's pumpkins were not flat, and Carington Brothers' celery was not short.

"It was among the cattle that people seemed to delight to linger, and why not? Anyone who could pass up and down those avenues lined with such specimens of humility, beauty and sources of wealth to our people, without stopping to admire, must be stupid in the extreme.

"Mr. Banker was on hand as usual with his beautiful herd of Devons; Perry C. Conklin showed some sleek Devons; E. E. Titus, C. K. Powers, J. B. Raub, F. T. Wellman, Grade Jerseys; D. L. Stevens, herds of Red Polled and Grade Red Polled; E. T. Senior, same; J. B. Raub a beautiful Jersey bull, two years old; G. E. Tingley's Jersey bull, three years old; M. W. Palmer's herd Grade Jerseys; D. B. Burdick, herd of Grade Holsteins; Bert Moore, Grade Holsteins. B. E. Smith exhibited with his herd of Devons, a pair of Grade Devon

oxen, broken under the saddle and to any work a horse will do.

"The best of order prevailed throughout the day, and every arrangement was made for feeding the multitude and providing for their comfort. Many brought their dinners along for the family repast, while in many instances, judging from the size of the groups, we imagined previous arrangements had been made for family or neighborhood reunions to take place at this Fair, and to be solemnized or commemorated by a union dinner. The demand for dinner was also great at the dining halls, booths, but every emergency was quickly met."

The Montrose *Democrat*, October 5: "As usual the Harford Fair of last week was a grand success, only it was considerably more so than usual. The crowd was the largest ever on the ground, there being over 6000 people present. . . . There is not a nook or corner of the county that was not represented.

"The managers seem to understand just how to please the people. . . . The address by Hon. John A. Woodward was an admirable, practical one. We publish it. The New Milford Band favored the crowd with plenty of choice music. Total receipts nearly \$2000."

February 4, 1889. Annual Meeting. President J. C. Tanner in the chair. Treasurer reported:

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To amount on hand, Feb. 4, 1888.....	\$ 500.80	
To amount gate receipts, 1888.....	1634.11	
To amount from privileges.....	174.25	
To amount from baggage room.....	13.00	
To amount from plowing.....	10.00	
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	\$2332.16	
By premiums paid, 1888.....		\$845.50
By expenses paid, 1888.....		513.81
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		\$1359.31
Cash on hand, February 4, 1889.....		\$972.85

We itemize "privileges": S. Robinson, Knife Board, \$5. H. D. Tingley, Candy and Pop Corn, \$40. Basso Bros., Stands No. 1, 2, 3, \$67. F. E. Carpenter, Stand No. 4, \$26.50. F. E. Moore, Stands No. 5, 6, \$51.50. W. J. Harris, Photograph tent, \$8. Swing, \$5. Pedlars (2) \$10.

Officers elected: President, J. C. Tanner; Vice President, Dr. W. J. Lowry; Secretary, Lee Tiffany; Treasurer, L. W. Moore; Executive Committee (3 years), W. Jeffers; Auditors, M. J. Chamberlain, F. P. Tingley.

Executive Committee gave report of the year, and that arrangements have been made for about three acres of land adjoining that enclosed; and also to erect a toilet room, 12x60 feet, for ladies; also, to replace the board fence by roadside with a picket fence; and to make another gate for the accommodation of the large and increasing number visiting our Fair.

The Executive Committee of the Public Library Association gave a report of the books which had been purchased with the money so liberally donated by the Agricultural Society; whereupon the following resolution was offered and carried:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee at their discretion, donate to the Harford Library Association, \$50 from their funds for the coming year.

Suggestions were made by H. Sweet, M. J. Chamberlain, J. S. Adams, W. S. Sophia, and others, for enlarging the ground, improvement of the roadside, more system in the hitching of teams, fencing, extending premium list, etc., which clearly demonstrated the interest of our people in the success of the Fair; and that everything will be done for the benefit and convenience of the public, that the treasury will permit.

The Thirty-second Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 24 and 25, 1889.

Premiums offered \$1133. Thoroughbred stallions are omitted. Special premiums are offered in poultry by the Pratt Food Co. In Class VI. fall apples are offered one year's subscription to the paper, *American Agriculturist*; so also, winter apples and potatoes. Best exhibit of bees, honey, and utensils,

\$6. Sulky harrow as well as walking harrow, receives a diploma. Class XVII. remodeled: Map of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, combined; map of Susquehanna Co.; map of Harford township, containing school districts, post offices, etc.; penmanship, under 10 years; under 16 years; charts in history, physiology; copy book actually written in school. And for teachers: Charts, program of 30 recitations daily; questions; report book of teacher's single term. The restrictions are numerous; the judges are to exclude everything not conforming to them.

General Superintendent, Hon. G. E. Resseguie. Of horses, Frank Darrow. Cattle, G. W. Tiffany. Assistant, John Keisinger. Sheep and swine, Geo. W. Peck. Vegetable Hall, D. C. Brundage. Assistant, W. C. Gow. Mechanics' Hall, Geo. Titus. Floral Hall, W. E. Reynolds. Assistants, George Sweet, Mattie Hill, Nina Adams.

Regulations: Plowing match on Fair Ground, Tuesday, 2 P. M. (Fifteen other regulations.)

E. J. TYLER,  
G. L. PAYNE,  
W. J. JEFFERS.

J. C. TANNER, President.

A. LEE TIFFANY, Secretary.

We make our announcements of the improvements and expectations of the Harford Agricultural Society. They have once more enlarged the grounds by the addition of about three acres, built a large and well arranged dressing-room for the ladies, replaced the old board fence with pickets; have arranged with adjoining farmers on the southeast to open a public road—for the day only—direct from the Fair Ground to a point on the Gibson road, near A. M. Leslie's, for the better accommodations of the patrons from the eastern part of the county.

One of the most attractive features of the Fair this fall will be the great southern exhibit, all the way from Dixie, under the auspices of the Southern Inter-State Immigration Bureau. This exhibit has been prepared with special care to make it fully representative of the resources and products of the South. It consists of gems, building stones, ores, hard

wood, nuts, seeds, grains, grasses, fibers, medicinal herbs, manufactured articles, the new fine straw bagging and carpeting being a specialty; fabrics; fruits, cotton, and tobacco in various and attractive forms, etc., etc.

This vast display which will be almost equal to a tour through the South, can be seen at the Fair, and will prove full of interest and instruction to all who visit it. It will be in charge of an intelligent gentleman, who will deliver a public address on Wednesday, explaining the exhibit, and telling his audience much that is interesting of the New South. Let no one fail to see and hear him. The prospects of a full exhibition in all departments is very flattering, and with our greater facilities for better care of large numbers, we hope to see all our old friends and many new ones.

Prof. J. M. Clark of the Soldiers' Orphan School, will deliver the address.

OFFICERS.

Awards: F. L. Lindsey has best draft stallion; Wm. Bennett, best stallion 3 year old; W. J. Baker, second; D. D. Plummer has best Grade Durham cow; E. B. Goodrich, best heifer calf; H. M. Lindsey best Grade Devon heifer; Green & Squires carry off all American Holderness; B. Sweetser, Holstein bull; Theron Grinnell, bull calf; G. L. Lewis, oxen; H. D. Brewster, buck lamb; Forest F. Barnes, five times in poultry; G. E. Stevenson, twenty-one times; F. Wilmarth, corn; E. L. Avery, collection fruit; W. S. Sophia, collection vegetables; D. O. Turrell, butter; Mrs. F. P. Tingley, second; Mrs. C. H. Ely, cheese; Mrs. J. E. Davis, bread; F. W. Deans, of bees, honey, etc.; L. R. Peck, mowing machine; G. H. Edwards, buggy; A. S. Bingham, market wagon; Mrs. Polly Stanton, striped mittens; Mrs. H. D. Tingley, toweling; Mrs. W. G. Smith, lamp mat; Miss Anna Searle, silk tidy; Lottie Tompkins, worsted tidy; Mrs. J. P. A. Tingley, lambrequin; Mrs. H. Webber, pin cushion; Mrs. R. Gillespie, embroidered underwear; Mrs. S. L. Tiffany, bureau scarf; Mrs. B. A. Hilton, ladies' apron; Mrs. E. N. Hammond, artificial flowers; Mrs. Marcy Tingley, second; Mrs. H. J. Tiffany, picture frame. School exhibit: Mary L. Griffin, all the maps; Hattie Baldwin, penmanship, under 16; Jessie Lott, business letter; Hattie Chamberlain, social letter; Bernice Peck, copy book.

Teachers: Miss A. L. Lindsey, two charts, program, two lists of questions.

Soldiers' Orphan School excellent variety of drawings.

- Prize drill by boys of S. O. S.: Co. B, first prize, \$5; Co. A, second prize, \$3; Co. C, third prize, \$2.

Plowing: M. T. Perrigo, W. A. Brown, A. H. Harding, H. L. Tingley, A. A. Savige, G. R. Resseguie.

*Ind. Republican*, September 30: "The Harford Fair was a grand success, as usual; the exhibits being fully up to the past records in every department, and in some an increased interest was manifest. The enlarged grounds proved the wisdom of the management, for by noon it was almost impossible to find hitching rooms for teams. About 2 P. M. a drizzling rain caused many to start for home.

"Prof. Clark's address was full of sound advice, mingled with humor. He was closely listened to by a large audience, standing in the rain, many without umbrellas. He promised to see the Harford farmer out of debt, every one of them, in ten years if they would follow his advice.

"The Agricultural exhibit from North Carolina, under the supervision of Prof. Williams, was a new feature. He ably conversed with many on the condition of a people once our sworn enemies. Here the products of the 'Old North' lay side by side with the 'Sunny South.'

"The receipts were: Privileges, \$241.65; tickets, \$1527.90. Total, \$1769.55.

"The Brooklyn Band gave good music. W. L. T."

February 3, 1890. Annual Meeting. Treasurer reported as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To amount on hand, Feb. 14, 1889.....	\$ 972.85	
To amount gate receipts, 1889.....	1527.90	
To amount from privileges, 1889.....	241.65	
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	\$2742.40	
By premiums paid, 1889.....		\$ 800.00
By improvements, 1889.....		1100.00
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		\$1900.00
Cash on hand, Feb. 3, 1890.....	\$842.40	



Officers elected: President, John C. Tanner; Vice President, W. J. Lowry, M. D.; Secretary A. Lee Tiffany; Treasurer, L. W. Moore; Executive Committee (3 years), E. J. Tyler; Auditors, O. C. Tallman, G. W. Tiffany.

Over two hundred persons were present. The real interest of the session lay in the contest for treasurer. Mr. Moore received 108 votes, E. E. Jones, 81.

Mr. Jeffers outlined intentions for the coming year. A gentlemen's dressing-room, a judges' reception room, a new baggage hall, new stalls, a bell; etc., etc.

The founders of the Society are to be remembered for coming years by a framed tablet engraved with their names, and given a conspicuous place in the Log Cabin.

The crowded condition of the room while this session was held was well used by Mr. Jeffers to show the necessity of a Town Hall, and a meeting is called February 12, evening, at O. Payne's, to take further steps for this enterprise.

At close of session nearly all remained to hear the report of Geo. W. Tiffany on the Milk Producers' Union. Several delegates also discussed the situation. There is a decided interest among our farmers on this question.

The Thirty-third Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held Wednesday and Thursday, September 24 and 25, 1890.

Premiums offered \$1154. Among the judges we notice: J. M. Clark, Isaac C. Hill, L. J. DeWitt, on horses and colts; James Fuller, A. M. Pease, G. W. Tiffany, on cattle; C. P. Edwards, on poultry; E. A. Weston, C. M. Resseguie, on fruit and vegetables; A. W. Kent, on butter; Prof. James S. Adams, on canned fruit; J. D. Miller, Mrs. James Peckham, on domestics; J. E. Thomas; Mrs. H. A. Barnard, Mrs. A. M. Doloway, needle-work; Mrs. U. B. Lott, on paintings; J. S. Marean, on unenumerated articles; Rev. H. A. Green, Mrs. M. J. Chamberlain, Mrs. Ella Grinnell, on school exhibit.

Minoricas are added to poultry. Twenty-three canned fruits added to Class VIII.

General Superintendent, Hon. Geo. R. Resseguie. Assistant, A. T. Sweet. Of cattle, E. L. Peck. Assistant, W. H.

Gow. Sheep and swine, Geo. W. Peck. Vegetable Hall, D. C. Brundage. Assistant, W. C. Gow. Mechanics' Hall, Geo. Titus. Floral Hall, W. E. Reynolds. Assistants, W. B. Hammond, Miss Della Brundage, Miss Mary Quinlan.

Regulations: Plowing match on Fair Ground farm, Wednesday, 2 P. M.

Premiums are forfeited if animals or articles are removed from the ground before the reading of awards.

The Secretary will mail all former exhibitors, whose address is known, a premium list in pamphlet form and blank for entries, to be returned to him before the first day of Fair. The entries will be made on the books and exhibitor's card will be ready for delivery any time before 10:30 A. M. the last day. All not receiving these blanks are requested to send their address and make their entries in this way, thereby avoiding the rush.

The following form is used by the Secretary in soliciting judges: Mr. A. B.: Dear Sir:—Recognizing your fitness to act as a Judge at the coming Fair of our Society, you have been selected as a member of the Awarding Committee in Class ——. Your services will be needed on —, the —, beginning at — A. M.

Please forward acceptance of the appointment upon enclosed postal card, and oblige,

Yours Respectfully,

Secy.

N. B.—See Rules and Regulations.

G. L. PAYNE,

W. JEFFERS,

E. J. TYLER.

J. C. TANNER, President.

A. LEE TIFFANY, Secretary.

*Ind. Republican*, September 24: "A larger crowd on the Fair Ground the first day, than ever before. The ladies of the Congregational Church were dispensing oysters, photographer Knapp was catching a picture of the crowd drawn up within his range; the Drum Corps was enlivening the hours with martial music; the Log Cabin was in 'apple pie order,' in 'ye

olden style' with the tea kettle bubbling in the fire place and the slices of pumpkin drying overhead; and Secretary Lee Tiffany, with one assistant was busy over the entries. Four competitors in the plowing match—Clarence Shay, Theron Grinnell, Wm. Merritt, Henry Chamberlain. No sulky plow in the race. We predict that Chamberlain will take first premium—\$7, and Shay the second—\$5. The signs point to the largest Fair yet on our record. W. L. T."

Awards: Lott & Cruser, stallion "Bulgarian"; E. Morgan, road stallion; L. W. Moore, second; L. B. Miller all the Durhams; G. W. Osmun, three times in the Grades; J. Lord Williams, once; L. R. Peck, twice in the Jerseys; likewise E. E. Titus; M. J. Chamberlain, best bull, Grade; J. B. Raub, three times, same; E. T. Senior, three times in Red Polled; Theron Grinnell, once; L. Tewksbury, ten times in Holsteins; G. R. Resseguie, four times in Grades; H. C. Scott, best bull calf; M. Perrigo, J. M. Clark, oxen; Chris. Tiffany, steer calf; Gailie Tingley, second; C. K. Powers, twice in sheep; W. W. Wilmarth, H. G. Adams, once; Frank LaBar, twice in swine; E. L. Avery, nine times in poultry; E. F. Tiffany, five; E. E. Titus, four; R. B. Ross, four; E. L. Avery has the Minorcas; Owen Tiffany the best wheat, oats, buckwheat; E. B. Goodrich, fall apples; G. S. Darrow, winter apples; E. C. Peck, heaviest pumpkins; E. G. Pickering, onions; F. E. Carpenter, parsnips; R. M. Tingley, best exhibit potatoes; D. O. Turrell, butter; W. E. Osmun, jar butter; Mrs. Polly Guile, bread; R. M. Tingley, maple sugar; Willis Cable, F. W. Dean, H. M. Seeley, honey; Mrs. H. J. Tiffany, six times in canned fruit; Mrs. G. B. Tiffany, five times; Mrs. J. E. Davis, three times; Mrs. Alma Estabrook, four times; Mrs. H. J. Tiffany, best assortment; Mrs. Susan Harding, striped mittens; Mrs. A. A. Decker, patching; Mrs. T. M. Whitman, darning; Flossy Rose, rag carpet; Betsey Dunn, woolen yarn; Mrs. W. A. Browning, arasene embroidery; Mrs. G. W. Tiffany, fine shirt; Mrs. A. J. Gere, crochet; Mrs. L. O. Farrar, cotton tidy; Mrs. B. D. Sherwood, table scarf; Mrs. Theo. Skinner, broom holder; Hattie D. Lee, banner; Carrie S. Marsh, crazy quilt; Mrs. W. F. Sherwood, second; Miss C. J. Sophia, knit bed

spread; Mrs. J. S. Marean, ladies apron; Miss B. C. Follet, handkerchief; Mrs. Marcy Tingley, Kensington painting; Mrs. Lee Tiffany, pastelle painting; Mary Lorimer, pencilling; Mrs. W. E. Reynolds, variety of flowers; Miss Mary Quinlan, shell work, fancy basket. School exhibits: Mary L. Griffin, maps, letters, charts; Susie Osmun, penmanship, under 10 years; Vertie Dix, under 16; Ruth Ransom, second. Graded: Rose L. Smith, two maps; Lillie Byram, drawing; Harry Shannon, penmanship, under 10 years; Flora E. Barrett, under 16; Jennie Moore, business letter; Isabella Brewster, social letter; Lillie Byram, two charts. Teachers: H. B. Andrews, chart, program; Anna Lindsey, two charts, questions; Prof. C. E. Moxley, questions in arithmetic, in U. S. History.

Plowing: H. J. Chamberlain, Wm. Merritt, C. E. Shay, Theron Grinnell.

*Ind. Republican*, September 29: "At 9 A. M. Wednesday night the mercury stood at freezing. At 4:30 A. M. Thursday morn it was several degrees below, and the stars were shining with the brilliancy of mid-winter. The sun came up in glory but the landscape was crisp and white with frost; the first real visitation of this season.

"When Secretary Tiffany and his three assistants began to swing their pencils, at 8 o'clock, their fingers were nearly benumbed with cold, but old Sol was generous with his sunshine; he meant to give us a fair day; and won the battle; at noon the overcoats had come off, and the afternoon was deliciously warm and mellow.

"Through the gates poured in the people. The rattle of drums announced the Soldiers' Orphan School. The Harford Drum Corps were swung into the rear and more followed; the procession compassed the grounds and then broke ranks. This Drum Corps was made up of Geo. W. Peck, fifer; R. R. Thacher, first snare drum; W. L. Thacher, second snare drum; Bert Tallman, bass drum. Soon the Gibson Cornet Band drove in; their handsome wagon preceded by four horses.

"The secretaries were taxed to their utmost. The forenoon of the second day is lively for four and sometimes six. Every comer would like *his* entries made 'right off'; but the crowd

in front of the office kept their temper and were more orderly and patient than usual. The judges were hunting for each other and assembling in their room, rear of Secretary's office. The Executive Committee were racking their brains to provide substitutes for those judges, who did not report; other judges were calling for the books; others wanted to go to their dinner. If the persons selected for judges could be in the hot water the Committee are in from 11 to 12 o'clock on these Fair days, just *once*, they would report for duty 'though the heavens fall.'

"The dinner hour made lively times at the stands. The ladies of the Congregational Church, in the large dining hall, were taxed to the utmost.

"The Band and Drum Corps vied with each other alternately for the largest crowd.

"Floral Hall was as gay as ever. Mechanics' Hall resounded with the music of an Emerson piano and a Dyer & Hughes organ. A good display of harness, the old museum of relics, and the school exhibit, completed the building. Outside, our veteran, L. R. Peck, was explaining the marvels of the best and latest mowing machine. Agricultural Hall showed up well in garden and farm products.

"The Orphan boys drilled well; a large crowd watching them. Hon. W. H. Jessup's address was practical; farming would *pay* to-day if his advice was followed. He discussed our taxes. Three-fourths of the county tax, likewise of the township poor tax, came through the curse of liquor. The road tax was heavy and did not accomplish half what it ought; the school tax was heavy, but *that* was an expense that was *saving* in the end, instead of wasting.

"A. Lee Tiffany followed with the premium list. When \$1100 was to be declared off, eager listeners were on hand.

"The day was drawing to a close, the nervous farmer who wants to do the chores early was hastening off the grounds. Others loth to go, were visiting friends, and not till dark was this large ground empty.

"The Band boys outdid all past records. We were too busy to enjoy the most, but listened to one near the close, 'The Wayside Chapel,' all to ourself; really excellent.

"Thus passed the 33d Fair of the Society. \$1600 total receipts; not quite up to some past records. (1) Because it has been a hard year for the farmer. (2) Because the chilly morning made the old folks dread to start out. (3) Because the Lackawanna Fair, Scranton, drew a few to the lower county.

"*Eminently successful, always!* Why not? The Puritan stock that settled Harford shapes its interests yet. Horse racing, gambling, liquor, have no foot-hold here. The good Lyman Richardson presided at its birth, and the Great Master above has smiled his benediction ever since."

February 2, 1891. Annual Meeting. President J. C. Tanner in the chair. Treasurer reported as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To amount on hand, Feb. 3, 1890.....	\$ 867.31	
To amount tickets sold, 1890.....	1429.22	
To amount from baggage room.....	13.65	
To amount privileges and stands.....	145.85	
To amount from plowing.....	4.00	
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	\$2460.03	
By premiums paid, 1890.....		\$830.00
By expenses of the Fair.....		334.76
To amount expended on the ground.....		405.66
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		\$1570.42
Cash on hand, Feb. 2, 1891.....		\$889.61

Officers elected: President, J. C. Tanner; Vice President, W. J. Lowry, M. D.; Secretary, A. Lee Tiffany; Treasurer, W. B. Guile; Executive Committee (3 years), G. L. Payne; Auditors, F. P. Tingley, Frank Wilmarth.

A poem written by Horace Little appropriate to the occasion, was read by the Secretary.

Resolved, That the poem be enrolled on the Secretary's book, and a vote of thanks be extended Mr. Little.

Resolved, That we extend a vote of thanks to the officers of

the Society for the efficient manner in which their duties have been performed.

Resolved, That a three days' Fair be held by the Society, instead of two days as in the past. This was ably discussed by J. M. Clark, W. Jeffers, W. B. Guile, L. W. Moore, W. J. Lowry, M. J. Chamberlin, J. B. Raub, G. L. Payne, and others. Lost.

Resolved, That the Society donate to the Harford Public Library, \$50 out of funds on hand. Lost.

The question of offering premiums for full-blooded sheep and grades was brought up by J. B. Raub, but left to the Executive Committee, who in their best judgment will consider the subject.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, September 23 and 24, 1891.

Premiums offered \$1313. American Holderness, Grades, comes in. In sheep are Leicesters, Shropshires, Southdowns, Cotswolds, Merinos, besides native stock. This division receives \$92 in premiums; the heaviest in the whole premium list. Poultry has added: Irish Game, Red Cap. In this class, premiums offered are \$82.50.

The Pratt Food Co. offer ten special premiums in poultry.

A military drill by boys of S. O. S. is offered \$15. A calisthemic drill by the girls, S. O. S., also \$15. Standard bred horses, but one judge, M. A. Dewitt, Binghamton.

New names among the judges: Dr. Wm. Rogers, A. A. Allen, J. K. Utley, Wm. Rice, Jerry Stevens, T. J. Manzer, Byron McDonald, Samuel James, John Empet, C. W. Millard, A. G. Wheeler, Geo. Wright, Henry Deakin, Fred Wrighter, H. A. Barrett, H. H. Craver, Mrs. J. C. Wells, M. McVicar, C. W. Conrad, F. G. Inderlied, Miss Mary A. Hearn, Mrs. G. B. Milliken, Dr. W. E. Teller, H. A. Barnard, Rev. F. D. Harstock, Mrs. A. H. Crosier.

The Society in addition to publishing premium list in county papers, issue a neat pamphlet containing the same, with many advertisements. By this liberal use of the pages, the Society are enabled to present the copies, without expense.

General Superintendent, Hon. G. R. Resseguie. Assistant, A. T. Sweet. Of horses, T. M. Tingley. Cattle, E. L. Peck. Assistant, C. G. Rhodes. Sheep and swine, W. E. Osmun. Vegetable Hall, D. C. Brundage. Assistant, W. C. Gow. Mechanics' Hall, Geo. Titus. Floral Hall, W. E. Reynolds. Assistants, W. B. Hammond, Miss Mary Quinlan, Miss Potter.

Chief of Police, A. H. Harding.

Regulations: Plowing match on Fair Ground farm, Wednesday, 2 P. M.

W. JEFFERS,  
E. J. TYLER,  
G. L. PAYNE.

J. C. TANNER, President.  
A. LEE TIFFANY, Secretary.

*Ind. Republican*, September 21, 1891: "Come to our Fair! If you have been here once, you'll surely want to come again. Read the following 'bill of fare.' Our managers have laid awake nights, that you might have a good time. Listen!

"Bauer's Band, Scranton, furnishes the music. People of much larger villages than Harford are excited when these musicians appear in their midst. Our Committee have brought the best talent of a large city right into a hamlet of this county that you might have 'just as good as the best of them.' This band cost the Centennial last year, \$105, and we will wager that they come again for no less.

"Hon. E. M. Tewksbury, Catawissa, will be the orator. Tewksbury is a worthy name in this county, one of our best county superintendents bore it, and this man is of the stock.

"The military and calisthemic drills by the pupils of the S. O. S. Even the grand reviews and dress parades of the veteran armies of the Civil War, did not equal these maneuvers.

"The new toilet room for gentlemen. Our managers did not rest until it was accomplished.

"And the many other attractions that have always been a part of the Harford Fair. Clergymen and their families admitted free; all being furnished with complimentary tickets before the Fair, as far as known; any omission will be made good on application to A. Lee Tiffany.



"Put down everything you intend to exhibit on the blank already furnished you by the Secretary. If you have been missed, drop him a card. Send back to him quick; and when arrived on the ground you can step to the office, mention your name and say 'Cards.' You will receive them already written; and walk away admired and envied by those unfortunate people who stand there a half hour in the rush and jam, waiting to get their cards written, and same entered on book.

" W. L. T."

Awards: H. L. Abel, best colt; D. E. Whitney, Grade Durham bull; H. D. Tingley, Grade Devon heifer; E. L. Peck, Jersey cow; W. J. Brainard, Grade Jersey bull; G. C. Forsyth, heifer; E. T. Senior, most of Grade Red Polled; G. R. Resseguie, six times in Grade Holsteins; H. A. Robbins, Gilla Harding, once; M. Perrigo, Bert. Moore, oxen; N. Sloat, Pekin ducks; Wm. Kellehr, Irish Game fowls; E. L. Avery, E. E. Titus, most of the poultry; J. M. Alworth, Shropshire and Southdown; Austin Sparks, Cotswold; A. S. Waldie, best oats; C. L. Tyler, buckwheat; Reuben Reynolds, best collection vegetables; E. T. Senior, best exhibit of potatoes; G. R. Resseguie, best collection of fruit; W. S. Spohia, best water-melon; M. L. Tiffany, D. O. Turrell, butter; Belle Senior, Mrs. G. Forsyth, print butter; Mrs. T. M. Whitman, Anna Quinlan, best Graham bread; E. E. Titus, F. E. Carpenter, maple sugar; H. S. Coutant, cider vinegar Mrs. G. R. Resseguie, canned fruit, three times; Mrs. H. J. Tiffany, four times; Mrs. H. M. Lindsey, once; Mrs. J. E. Davis, four times; Mrs. Eva Avery, twice; Mrs. C. S. Vailes, twice; Mrs. F. W. Sheldon, fringe mittens, patching; Mrs. Nancy Peck, toweling; Mrs. R. M. Tingley, rag carpet; Mrs. C. F. Wright, silk embroidery; Mabel Moss, crochet; Mrs. Philander Tiffany, lamp mat; Lizzie Savige, tidy; Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, thread tidy; Helen Read, afghan; Jennie Adams, handkerchief; Mrs. C. W. Resseguie, quilt; Mrs. M. L. Tiffany, painting. Unenumerated articles: Imported Dorset sheep, C. F. Whitney; sweet corn, F. T. Whitney; pop corn, David Squier. School exhibit: Libbie Gillespie, Vertie Dix, maps; Leon Roe, penmanship, under 10; Allie Capron, under 16. Graded:

Ruth Ransom, Jennie Darrow, Louise Ainey, Gertie Tiffany, Bert. Tallman, maps; Gertie Waldie, chart; Lucy Capron, social letter; Jennie Moore, business letter. Teachers: H. B. Andrews, program, questions. Graded: Mrs. G. A. Stearns, program; Chas. E. Moxley, questions. Misses Lindsey, Boughton, Fisher, prizes, Lowell Business College.

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Plowing: C. E. Shay, M. T. Perrigo, G. W. Bayless, C. L. Tyler, Theron Grinnell.

Says L. B. G., *Scranton Republican*: "The veteran Drum Corps, four members, were present the first day. The scenery from these grounds is greatly to be admired. Second day: Ten acres of vehicles! Oh, what crowds of people! The Lackawanna County Fair seem disposed to dispute, to wit, that an agricultural fair may be a success with no gambling devices, no beer drinking, no horse racing on the grounds."

*Ind. Republican*, September 28, 1891: "The thirty-fourth annual exhibit has come and gone. We are singularly successful in choice of days, and the weather was everything to be desired, save drouth and dust. Six thousand were present. The receipts at the gate over \$1500. Other items will swell the total to \$1700.

"The exhibit of horses was usually good. Less cattle were on the ground. The heat and long drives hindered many. The show of Jerseys was best; M. W. Palmer taking a number of premiums. Holsteins were good; seven yoke of oxen and steers were on the ground. Sheep were not abundant; O. C. Whitney had four of English descent, 'Dorset Horn.' A good display of poultry. Grain was abundant. Large display of apples. Reuben Reynolds had the greatest collection of vegetables. Pumpkins and squashes of very large size; one weighing 96 pounds. Many samples of butter. H. M. Seeley's exhibit of honey was very fine. Canned fruit and vegetables, immense. Mrs. C. S. Vail, Mrs. M. E. Weston, Mrs. H. J. Tiffany had very large collections, and each carried away prizes. Agricultural implements were not numerous; a good display of carriages, W. Osterhout receiving premiums.

"The exhibit of stoves was fine; a fine organ and Emerson piano, by Bronson. In domestic goods, competition was

heavy, while needle-work goods were immense in quantity, beautiful in quality. Five paintings, flowers, etc., fully up to past years. The school exhibit was not large, abounding more in penmanship and less in maps and charts. Two programs of recitation made by teachers took premiums; H. B. Andrews and Mrs. Geo. A. Stearns. Many ungraded schools had work in hand, the prominent graded schools being Harford and Brooklyn. Five men carried away premiums from eight chances, in plowing.

"The military drill of the S. O. School was excellent; proving a great attraction. They were accompanied by their band.

"Hon. E. M. Tewksbury spoke of the farmer's toil; its hard and its happy side. It was not a good sign in the rising generation when they could turn their back upon home life in the country and hasten to the attractions of the town. The question of taxation was considered, and the necessity of right choices, especially in State Senators.

"Bauer's Band was early on the ground, and in their music 'there is very little that can be criticized,' quoting from one, competent to judge. We regretted the hindrances that deprived us of a number of their selections.

"The omnipresent pedlar was on hand; the photographer, the dealer in soft drinks, the merry-go-round, the whip seller, all clamoring for our loose change. The crowd at the pump was large. It was put under guard to prevent waste, and did hold out to the end, though the throng never left it till night.

"The total entries exceeded any past year. Secretary A. Lee Tiffany recorded a large amount during the week preceding the Fair, while himself and three assistants were driven with work all the last forenoon.

"We stopped a moment to survey the scene. The sky was clear, the sunshine hot. Light clouds were floating lazily in the blue heavens, while dust could be seen rising from every road leading to town. The patient oxen and cattle seemed to say, 'Oh! let us go home!' The judges were perplexed over the merits of so many good things. The young man was attentive to his 'best' girl. Every third man had a whip. Old friends were chatting in the shade. Tired mothers had dropped down 'most anywhere' to soothe the baby or let it

sleep. The fellow who must be forever eating was doing his best. The workers in the dining halls were tired, sweaty, almost mum.

"Some thought it a long day; some wished night would never come.

"And so another exhibition of the Harford Fair passes into history. W. L. T."

February 1, 1892. Annual Meeting. President, J. C. Tanner in the chair. Treasurer reported as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To amount on hand, Feb. 2, 1891.....	\$ 889.61	
To amount tickets sold, 1891.....	1556.75	
To amount privileges, stands.....	163.15	
To amount from baggage room.....	11.00	
To amount from plowing.....	5.00	
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	\$2625.51	
By premiums paid, 1891.....		\$761.00
By expenses of Fair, 1891.....		377.42
By expenses on ground.....		331.00
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		\$1469.42
Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1892.....		\$1156.09

Officers elected: President, Watson Jeffers; Vice President, J. M. Clark; Secretary, A. Lee Tiffany; Treasurer, W. B. Guile; Executive Committee (3 years), F. P. Tingley; Auditors, J. B. Raub, B. F. Hine.

L. W. Moore and J. M. Clark advanced the idea that a track should be worked around the ground for the better exhibition of horses and stock. Claimed it would be a drawing card, a great feature of the Fair, to give the exhibitors an opportunity to show their stock to a better advantage, and the patrons a chance to see it, after which the following resolution was offered by J. M. Clark:

Resolved, That it is the feeling of this meeting that a track be graded around the Fair Ground suitable for the exhibition of horses and stock. Carried.

Watson Jeffers, in appreciation of men who, in the early years of the Society, gave their time, money, and labor for its success, offered the following:

Resolved, That David L. Hine, Levi R. Peck, S. E. Carpenter, E. N. Carpenter, E. T. Tiffany, and D. E. Whitney, be elected honorary members of the Society and a permanent pass be issued them. Carried.

Resolution that numbers be used on exhibitors' cards instead of names, was lost.

J. M. Clark offered the following:

Resolved, That an animal or article awarded the first premium be hereafter designated by a red ribbon and the second premium by a blue ribbon. Carried.

Resolved, That a new dining hall be built this year by the Society, provided the Executive Committee think it advisable. Carried.

The subject of a three days' Fair was opened by W. B. Guile. He was ably supported by J. M. Clark and others. The following was offered by W. S. Sophia:

Resolved, That the Harford Agricultural Society hold a Fair for three days in the fall of 1892. Carried.

Resolved, That the President call a meeting of the Society previous to the arranging of the premium list and advertising of the Fair. Carried.

Privileges and Stands itemized: W. D. Oakley, Stand No. 1, \$14.75. W. N. Whitney, Stand No. 2, \$14.50. C. L. Tiffany, No. 3, \$13.75. Eugene Whitney, No. 4, \$14.00. F. W. Tennant, No. 5, \$15.00. B. J. Partridge, No. 6, \$17.00. H. D. Tingley, Pop Corn, \$7.10. F. E. Tingley, Candy, \$5.00. Chris. Tiffany, Hay and Grain, \$3.30. L. W. Moore, Dining Hall, \$17.00. J. B. Healey, Merry-go-Round, \$10.00. E. G. Conrad, Photographer, \$8.00. "Blind" Osterhout, pedlar, \$5.00. "Tony" Reynolds, Pedlar, \$5.00. Three other pedlars, \$15.00.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 20, 21 and 22, 1892.

Premium lists are published in the county papers; also in neat pamphlets. Advertisements of firms in Binghamton, Montrose, Honesdale, Carbondale. And our home friends: A. D. Darrow, harness; Osterhout & Whitney, carriages; H. J. Tiffany, groceries and provisions, New Milford; Vail & Howell, publishers of New Milford *Advertiser*; L. W. Moore & Son, merchants; O. C. Tallman, blacksmith; G. L. Payne, tinsmith; H. A. Robbins, blacksmith; John M. Doud, hardware, New Milford; E. E. Jones, farm implements.

Premiums offered, \$1464.75. Increased in many classes and divisions. Sheep receive \$127. In poultry, Golden Polish, Golden Spangled Hamburgs, Laced Wyandottes, are added. Class 4½ is interpolated: "Pets": Ferrets, pigeons, rabbits, white mice, white rats, fox, coon, squirrels, parrot, mocking bird, canary bird. In Class XIV., exhibit of paintings, not less than four, offered \$8.

One judge for horses and colts, M. A. Dewitt, Binghamton. One for all the cattle, S. E. Carpenter, Big Flats, N. Y. In needle-work, D. C. Titman, Auburn; Mrs. L. M. Bunnell, Scranton; Miss Mattie Hill, Harford. In paintings, etc., Rev. O. R. Beardsley, Hopbottom; Miss Minnie Coggsell, Harford; Mrs. Ezra M. Ripple, Scranton.

General Superintendent, Hon. G. R. Resseguie. Assistant, A. T. Sweet. Of horses, T. M. Tingley. Cattle, E. L. Peck. Assistant, C. G. Rhodes. Sheep and swine, W. E. Osmun. Vegetable Hall, W. C. Gow. Assistant, H. M. Lindsey. Mechanics' Hall, Geo. Titus. Floral Hall, W. B. Hammond. Assistants, F. L. Hine, Miss Mary Quinlan, Miss Alice Barnard, Miss Anna Quinlan.

Chief of Police, A. H. Harding.

Regulations: Plowing match on Fair Ground farm, Tuesday, 2 P. M. A track is prepared for the trial of horses, under the direction of the superintendent and judges, but no racing or wager shall, under any circumstances, be permitted. The Executive Committee have determined to have one capable person for judge on horses and colts; also of cattle; instead of three persons as heretofore, and all stock will be exhibited in a ring made for that purpose. The animal or article receiving

first premium will be designated by a red ribbon, and the second by a blue ribbon to be affixed by the judges. All judges previously agreeing to act as appointed will receive a pass for himself and wife during the Fair. The ringing of the bell will indicate that some attraction is to take place.

Program: First day: 2 P. M., plowing match. Second day: 10 A. M., Tug of war, best two in three, \$3.00. 10:30, Potatoe race, first, \$3.00; second, \$2.00. 11:00, Foot race, 40 rods, best two in three; first, \$5.00; second, \$3.00. 1 P. M., Stallions, mares and all colts not driven in harness. 2 P. M., Wild West Show. Third day: 10 A. M., Bicycle race; one-half mile, best two in three: first, \$10.00; second, \$5.00; third, \$3.00. 11 A. M., Military drill by boys of Soldiers' Orphan School. 1 P. M., Drill by girls of S. O. S. 2 P. M., Driving horses and colts. 3 P. M., Address. 3:30, Cavalcade, all premium stock.

E. J. TYLER,  
G. L. PAYNE,  
F. P. TINGLEY.

WATSON JEFFERS, President.  
A. LEE TIFFANY, Secretary.

(1) Early in September a belfry was placed on Vegetable Hall, and a bell hung.

(2) The Supervisors are repairing the roads, throwing out the stone, that travelers going to and from our Fair may enjoy their rides.

(3) Prof. Henry S. Alworth will deliver the annual address, Thursday, 3 P. M. He is a Harford boy who by ambition and hard work is putting himself in the front. He gave the address of welcome at our Centennial.

(4) No charge is made this year for entering the plowing match. Come, all who will, and show your skill at the plow handle. The entrance fee \$1.00 has been abolished.

(5) The Executive Committee are busy men now. They and their workers are putting in many days of hard work on the grounds.

(6) Posters, or handbills, in colors, and very pretty, began

to be used by the Society. The one for this Fair had two beautiful horses in the foreground. Its announcements were these: "Best horses in the State; the most select breeds of cattle; farm implements; household and dairy products; fruit and vegetables; flowers, paintings, needle-work; Floral Hall a typical art gallery; grand band concert daily; plowing match; bicycle races; foot races; merry-go-round; potato races; the celebrated Wild West show; two drills by pupils of S. O. School; grand cavalcade of all premium stock; larger premiums; extended list; the Cambrian Band and S. O. Band, daily concerts."

(7) The Drum Corps will be at the plowing match.

(8) Transportation from Kingsley, our station on D., L. & W.,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles, second and third days, will be ample. Trips both ways, several times each day. Fare \$0.35.

(9) The S. O. School will exhibit their calisthenic drill. Both boys and girls participate in these exercises. Thursday the boys will give their bayonet drill, company drill, and "setting up exercises." The girls, 1 P. M., will give a pole drill; a taking feature.

*School 300+ 400 students*  
*Miss Anna Eastman taught in this school*  
*Anna & Emily Eastman sisters own cousin Eliza Eastman brought up by Eschmann in Jackson*

Awards: R. S. Searle, best pair matched horses; W. E. Brundage, colts, 2 years old; W. A. Jackson, Grade Durham calf; W. E. Osmun, Grade Devon heifer; J. M. Clark, Jersey bull; C. H. Stearns, second; H. A. Robbins, Grade Jersey calf; E. R. Flint, second; G. E. Tingley, Holstein bull; W. P. Bailey, oxen; E. D. Shepardson, steers; Joe Sweetser, steers; H. F. Whitney, coarse wool lamb; U. B. Rice, middle wool lamb; F. LaBar, fall pigs; F. A. Osborn, Black Minoricas; A. A. Savige, canary bird; E. D. Tiffany, sweet corn; Mrs. Lou. Atkinson, sunflower; Owen Tiffany, crab apples; F. T. Wellman, second; W. C. Gow, turnips; H. A. Coutant, carrots; G. H. Brown, collection vegetables; M. L. Tiffany, butter; Mrs. C. H. Ely, cheese; Mrs. Frank Whitney, wheat bread; Mrs. Frank Whitman, Indian bread; J. R. Alexander, comb honey; J. C. Lee, second; H. M. Seeley, colony bees; Mrs. E. M. Tingley, can pears; Mrs. E. L. Peck, can catsup; E. M. Osborn, coarse boots; E. E. Jones, sulky plow; A. C. Van Gorder, carriage; Eliza Gow, striped mittens; Mrs. E. G. Lee,

*Soldiers Corp. Harford School.*

*Emily Eastman married*



patching; Mame Potter, darning; Mrs. J. P. Taylor, silk embroidery; Mrs. S. B. Corwin, fine shirt; Mrs. W. D. B. Ainey, lamp mat; Mrs. D. C. Ainey, table spread; Minnie Sutton, felt tidy; Matie Curtis, linen lace; Olive Tiffany, tinsel work; Nellie Beebe, silk quilt; Mrs. John Gillespie, quilt; Mrs. Lizzie Brush, pillow shams; Carrie Marsh, lady's apron; Jessie Wilmarth, case; Kittie E. Smith, scarf; Mrs. D. C. Ainey, four paintings; Mrs. C. D. Ransom, potted flowers; Nina Adams, second; Mrs. A. J. Archibald, bracket; Mary T. Quinlan, collection curios; O. W. Gelatt, extension ladder. School exhibit: Carrie Shepardson, maps; Nina Dix, Taber Capron, penmanship under 10; Vertie Dix, Lida Carey, under 16; Carrie Shepardson, social letter. Graded: Sadie Sweetser, Bernice Tallman, Ruth Ransom, maps; Florence Robbins, penmanship under 10; Maud Robbins, under 16; Grace Harding, social letter. Teachers: Gertie Ely, program, questions. Graded: C. E. Moxley, questions.

Plowing: Clarence Shay, W. C. Shay, M. T. Perrigo, A. H. Rynearson, B. C. Tourje, D. D. Plummer. A. E. Miller, sulky plowing.

*Independent Republican*, Sept. 24: "Progressive men are ever widening their plans. The history of the Harford Fair has shown a steady growth through its thirty-five years of existence. The next move was necessarily in the direction of more time, and the February meeting resolved to hold this year a three days' Fair. More hours would thus be given to the judges for inspection, and more opportunity for the many attractions, ready to be brought forward at a word. Fair time is the country people's vacation; and often we have regretted that such splendid displays of stock, fruit, grain, implements, and ladies' handicraft, must so quickly be taken away; coming in and going out in one short day.

"The plowing match of Tuesday afternoon was the occasion for a larger gathering than usual. More contestants entered the match. The day was fine. The Drum Corps enlivened the hours.

"Wednesday morning showed signs of an approaching

storm. But the chilly air soon warmed, and the day was one of September's best. The crowd around the Secretary's office was smaller than usual, yet lively work was put in. The falling off in exhibits will be the subject for future study and reform.

"Floral Hall as full as ever. We wonder where the mothers and daughters found time for so much labor. The exhibit of paintings larger than ever. Mrs. D. C. Ainey, Mrs. E. M. Tiffany, covered a large space. Domestic goods of the older farm families were less in quantity. A wonderful piece of patching by Mrs. Owen Tiffany.

"Mechanics' Hall had a fine exhibit of stoves by J. M. Doud; organs by Bronson. The school exhibit was less than usual. Vegetable Hall well filled with garden products; grain was less; the falling off in fruit very noticeable. Canned goods scarce. Honey exhibit by H. M. Seeley very full. Fine displays of butter by M. L. Tiffany and E. T. Senior.

"A full exhibit of four-wheeled vehicles by J. H. Pritchard, a fine collection of Syracuse plows by E. E. Jones, hay-fork and harrows by J. M. Doud.

"The stock yard was full. Holderness in abundance; very many Jerseys; a good exhibit of Holsteins; some Devons; a few Durhams; a good collection of Red Polled; several fine yokes of oxen. A large number of swine; a few sheep; a very small exhibit of poultry.

"The games of the day were: Tug of war, eight on each side. Potato race, Oliver Jones, first; C. D. Rozelle, second. Foot race, Oliver Jones, first; Ed. Allen, second. The Wild West show proved a great attraction.

"Day closed with \$700 at the gates.

"Thursday morn, 3 o'clock, it began to rain, and continued until 11 A. M. At nine o'clock very few were on the ground; yet at 3 P. M. there was a goodly number present. But the enthusiasm was gone; the storm had spoiled the day; the thousand dollar crowd was not there.

"At 1:30 P. M. some fine driving was seen on a rather muddy track; the bicycle race, which was to have numbered more than a score of riders, shrunk to two or three. The entrance of the S. O. School, headed by their band, put new life

into the crowd, and the performance of the girls, a pole drill, was exceedingly well executed. The drills of the boys, owing to the lateness of hour and bad ground, were omitted. The calisthenic drill of the preceding day was much admired.

"At 4 P. M. President Jeffers addressed the audience a moment. He regretted their disappointment; bad weather only, had broken the full program; the committee had done their best. Prof. Alworth's address of twenty-five minutes was well received. He proved that farmers might be the happiest of the world's toilers.

"The Cambrian Band of Wednesday, and the S. O. S. Band of Thursday, gave us good music. The former did grandly, considering the development from the raw material, one year ago. Total gate receipts, \$870. Full receipts, about \$1,100.

"W. L. T."

(1) Col. Ripple presented the S. O. S. with a small brass cannon, breech-loading, mounted in rosewood, that speaks pretty strongly for a little fellow. It was on the grounds Fair day. They use it in signals and salutes.

(2) Did you see the valuable lot of curios exhibited by Miss Mary Quinlan? They were gathered by her brother, Thomas, of the U. S. Navy, in his travels around the world.

(3) The contestants in the "Tug of War" were H. M. Seeley, James Gow, ——— Johnson, Charley Walker, Arthur Darrow, Jeff. Hobbs, Oliver Jones, (8th name lost), against Ed. Allen, Ernest Peck, Riley Wescott, Park Harding, Amzie Lewis, John Lewis, Nelson Empet, W. H. Gow. The first eight won the \$3.00.

(4) We watched the Executive Committee as they left the ground Thursday night. We fancied they were both sad and glad; sad because of the weather; glad that a month's load of labor and anxiety had rolled off their shoulders.

(5) Our heartiest wish goes forth to the Susquehanna County Fair, Montrose, for fine weather and a prosperous exhibit.

(6) Our managers are by no means discouraged at the lack of large receipts. They will pay all premiums and bills and still have a good surplus. Their liberal pay to employees

in days past has been a trifle diminished, with the cordial consent of the parties concerned.

With this Fair the efficient, faithful service of Secretary A. Lee Tiffany ended. This chapter has recorded his supervision of seventeen prosperous years.

It is creditable to him and the family that not only has their father, E. T. Tiffany, been honored with a place in the photographic gallery, but also their grandfather, Tingley Tiffany. Three generations who have loved and served the Fair.

In closing this chapter the writer cannot do better than insert the closing paragraphs of his history of Harford Fair, written in 1890, Centennial History, Chap. XII.:

"In the list of eighty-eight societies compiled by the Pennsylvania Board of Agriculture for the State, Harford has its place. Our grounds now embrace about twenty-five acres; one-half is woodland, a "sugar bush," with trees of large dimensions, and heavy beeches; all underbrush cleared away. Stalls, pens, yards, almost without number; two miles of hitching poles; stands for judges. Mechanics' Hall is the southern building; beautiful Floral Hall, central; Secretary's office, north; Vegetable Hall to the left; Speaker's stand, covered, in shape an octagon; south of it a stand for the band; to the northwest the ladies' room; to the south, several dining halls; and further on, only a few weeks ago erected, a log cabin, to be made famous hereafter. Just outside the grounds stands Fair Ground Hall, adjoining farm house, property of Cyrus S. Johnston; occupied by H. G. Adams, present lessee, who studies the comfort and pleasure of the numerous patrons on his bounty, the two days of the Fair.

"Verily, Samuel Thacher little dreamed of all this, almost in his own dooryard, when he, as one of the Nine Partners, was striking the blows that sent the giant pines thundering to the ground in October and November, 1790.

"As the September days come on, and nature is painting the forests with rich colors, but one thing is uppermost in Harford people's minds; the Fair! the Fair! The weather is studied days in advance; all are sure "that it *will* be a fine day; a *fair* day, anyhow." On *the* day, all roads leading to the Village are black with teams.

"Study the happy Fair Ground. Here, busy peddlers are vending notions of every kind, making everybody rich by "giving away" their goods. There the rotary swing holds young people eating peanuts. Here comes the young man with "his girl," not so coy and maidenly as years ago. There is the sharp-eyed, middle-aged man talking business. His better half is scanning the endless variety in Floral Hall and calculating her chances of getting the premium. There, are the aged, leaning on a staff, full of reflections and hugely enjoying quiet visits with old friends, fearing only that this may be their last time at the Fair. At the dinner hour, the dining halls are crowded; others have climbed into the old three-seated wagon and are eating the "lots" of good things mother has put up for dinner, while old Dobbin and his mate are munching the oats or chewing the hay taken from the back of the wagon. Others have spread the tablecloth on the ground or rocks, and a dozen around the edge are "picnicing"; with jokes, laughter, happiness, well-nigh perfect.

"It brings to mind Pollok's heaven (Book VI.):

"Pursuits are various here; suiting all tastes."

"And why should not Harford be proud of her Fair? Her executive men have worked hard for weeks each year to make it thus enjoyable. The money taken in is again spent for the people's *greater* enjoyment. They *know* this. Having come once they never fail to come again. No horse-racing; no gambling of any kind; no liquor sold; no lotteries. Grand, glorious undertaking! A third of a century old! One of the few things in Harford that can be praised *without any discount whatever.*"

## CHAPTER VII

### HARFORD'S CENTENNIAL—1890

THE Centennial celebration took place on the Fair Ground. The Log Cabin, a creation of the Centennial, stands in that ground and is owned by it. All our thoughts, remembrances, of this Centennial cluster about the Fair Ground. These reasons justify a chapter in this book on the subject.

A full page history of the celebration (seven columns) appeared in the *Independent Republican*, May 26, 1890. Greatly shortened, it is given here, and much that has never been published, is added. The narrative will prove a diversion from the repeated story, year after year, of each Fair.

May 22, 1887, W. L. Thacher penned a short article, calling attention to the fact that just three years were before us in which to prepare for a worthy remembrance of the Nine Partners and their purchase, May 22, 1790. It was quickly seconded a few weeks later, by H. N. Tiffany.

At the Tingley gathering in August a committee was appointed: E. T. Tiffany, Joseph T. Tiffany, Edrick M. Tingley. Beyond some talk, nothing was done for a year. At the gathering, August, 1888, speeches were made; and two members added: W. L. Thacher, Watson Jeffers.

This committee held a meeting, Sept. 5. Ex-Gov. Carpenter, of Iowa, was chosen orator of the day. All citizens were invited to meet at Graded School buildings, October 13. At that session it was decided to dissolve the committee and begin again, making the movement a thoroughly township affair. Watson Jeffers was chosen President; John C. Tanner, Vice President; W. L. Thacher, Secretary; E. T. Tiffany, Treasurer. And a general Managing Committee, George L. Payne, Joseph T. Tiffany, Andrew J. Adams, W. Seymour Sophia, Henry M. Seeley. These, with the four officers, planned, pushed, and completed a celebration that has had no parallel in Susquehanna County.

The sub-committees were: Finance, B. F. Hine, I. W. Moore, Coe H. Stearns. Ceremonies: W. B. Guile, A. T. Sweet, W. H. Patterson. Log Cabin: Warner H. Wilmarth, A. E. Tiffany, M. D. Decker. Relics: W. E. Reynolds, Mrs. A. M. Hammond, Mrs. A. J. Adams. Music: J. A. Sophia, O. C. Tallman, W. J. Lowry. Grounds: Melvin Tingley, George W. Tiffany, E. M. Tingley. Nine Partners, F. E. Carpentet, H. J. Tiffany, Mrs. W. Jeffers. Societies: F. A. Osborn, D. M. Farrar, F. P. Tingley. Reception: J. M. Clark, Lee Tiffany, Horace Sweet

Executive Committee. By school districts: Tiffany's: Walter W. Wilmarth, Mrs. S. J. Adams. Richardson's: Mills: E. C. Capron, Miss Sarah Alexander. Sweet's: Urbane Lott, Miss Alice Stearns. Very's: W. B. Hammond, Mrs. C. C. Payhe. Center: E. E. Jones, Mrs. J. C. Tanner. East Hill: F. A. Barnard, Mrs. W. L. Thatcher. East Harford: S. J. Lott, Mrs. George C. Forsyth. South Harford (Harding's): Porter Williams, Miss Eva Harding. Tingley's: J. B. Raub, Mrs. E. N. Hammond. Oakley's: E. E. Titus, Miss Louise Boswell. Read's: A. Hammond Harding, Mrs. Urbane Tingley.

The labor involved in nineteen months is beyond the conception of the average person.

Tuesday, May 20, gave us a tremendous rain storm, tearing roads and swelling creeks frightfully. But Wednesday morn, first day of Celebration, the sky was bright. About fifty people began the program, by meeting at the famous Nine Partner Spring. Rev. H. A. Green, M. E. Church, read the 107th Psalm: "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men." Followed by an earnest petition for the blessing of God on the two days. Rev. P. R. Tower gave the address. His closing words were: "All honor to their memory (the Nine); and peace to their sleeping dust. The Lord help their posterity to transmit to the generations yet to be, *this* their glorious legacy."

Crowding around the spring we again drank the water. The mellow light of the morning sun was upon us. Gath-

*Harford  
Tiffany's  
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Sweet's  
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Center  
East Hill  
Tingley's  
Oakley's  
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being mementoes of the time and place, the procession took up the line of march for Harford Fair Ground.

At 11 A. M. President Jeffers ordered the Drum Corps to the front, and the inspiring strains of martial music brought quickly together a company that nearly filled Floral Hall. The President, introducing C. H. Dickerman, of Milton, "a worthy son of old Harford, who has by energy of character placed himself in the front," Mr. Dickerman said, "Your calling me to this pleasant service indicates a love for Harford boys of thirty years ago. I can say with Wordsworth, 'How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood.' We honor the worthy Nine who first settled this town. 'Twas the independent character of the Puritan extraction that made the Harford I left thirty years ago. Its people had decided tastes for literature, excellent mental attainments, and a high standard of morality. Truly, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. I did not realize this truth three decades ago, as I do now."

Marching with file and drum to the Log Cabin, the crowd were introduced to F. E. Loomis, Esq., Scranton: "I congratulate you on this beautiful morning, so different from the morning of only yesterday. These martial strains brought me back in memory to Union Hill, Harford, and the military evolutions of my younger days under Col. Spicer. This Log Cabin, this memorial hall, you have erected from the primeval forests entered by the daring Nine, a hundred years ago.

May this Cabin stand a hundred years. May the tempest spare it, the lightning not strike it. To the memory of the Nine let it stand, and pass down into history, to live through all time."

President Jeffers pleasantly reminded the young people of their duty to this memorial hall. "Keep it; repair it when old; keep the roof new over it, that it go not to decay."

Implement Hall was next opened and Mr. Jeffers pointed out the old tools of our grandfathers.

At 1:30 P. M. Prof. E. K. Richardson, Hackettstown, N. J., was introduced: "A worthy son of Rev. Lyman Richardson, so much resembling him in features; and a veritable Nine Partner in the fourth generation.



Among the papers of Lyman Richardson was found the identical address delivered by him May 20, 1840, in a grove not far from Franklin Academy, to an audience of 300 persons. Being thus a *Semi*-Centennial address, it took the standpoint of fifty years ago; its names, those of persons now dead. Prof. Richardson read this address.

At its close President inquired how many in the crowd had listened to this fifty years ago. Ten men stepped forward: only four now recalled: A. W. Greenwood, E. T. Tiffany, O. G. Coughlan, Joseph R. Lyon.

Prof. Sophia's chorus of seventy-five voices now rendered in clear utterance and excellent time, Keller's American Hymn "Speed Our Republic, Oh, Father on High!"

We now expected an address from Hon. Rienzi Streeter, Chicago. He was not here, and Judge Henry W. Williams spoke in his place.

Prof. James S. Adams ably represented the I. O. of O. F. Harford Agricultural Society had an excellent exponent in Executive Committeeman Watson Jeffers. Rev. Nestor Light spoke in high spirits of the Harford Library Association. Harford Grange had a forcible talker in George W. Tiffany. All these organizations strong and flourishing; an index of our public spirit.

Dr. A. T. Brundage read the address of Prof. William S. Tyler, Amherst College, born and reared in Harford. He could not be with us.

Charles Titus gave us an old-time scene in the making of rope with a machine.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Tyler personated Hosea Tiffany and family, coming to Harford, 1792, with an ox-team and cart. George W. B. Tiffany mounted the old pony, and Miss Addie Jeffers seated herself on the pillion behind him. A little girl was placed in front. At beat of drum the parade circled the Fair Ground.

At 5 P. M. Adjournment. We had the most genial and mellow sunshine possible in a May day. Mrs. Nancy Carpenter Oakley and William Ira (Titus) Carpenter, *children* of Nine Partners, were with us.

THURSDAY, MAY 22:

The sun had gone down with a warning the previous night; yet the stars were shining at 11 P. M. But at 4 A. M. the sky was leaden and when the sun came up he soon went back to bed.

The Managing Committee did not greet each other hopefully at 8:30. But the day's program was before us; no time for repining. At a conference the preceding evening the ill signs of weather tempted us to telegraph Bauer, at Scranton, not to come with the band. If disaster was to come on the morrow, \$100 could be thus saved. But the final decision was, "We will not abate one thing on the program." All honor to them.

At 9 A. M. Rev. Nestor Light, Cong. Church, read the 136th Psalm: "Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever." A fervent prayer to Him

"From whose hand

"The centuries drop like grains of sand";

and that his smile might rest on this day.

Prof. Henry S. Alworth, a Nine Partner in the fifth generation, gave the address of welcome: "May that Government that has stood a hundred years find in us the same staunch upholders as these pioneers proved to be. Let us thank God for our existence this morning. May we ask Him to bless us in the early hours of the second century of Harford's history."

Julius Tyler read a poem of excellence composed by himself. Eichberg's National Hymn, "To Thee, O Country, Great and Free," was rendered happily by the chorus. The volume of 75 voices proved greater in the open air than the class had dared hope. At a previous rehearsal the notes were distinctly heard a mile.

Prof. Clark and his guest, General Hastings, were not on time, and he sent a request that we wait; postponing the drill of his S. O. School. The Committee decided, 4 to 1, to do so. An hour was lost, and the endeavor to keep the program of speeches intact through the day resulted in a crowding that

detracted from pleasure, and gave little time for band music. The greater portion of their selections were not rendered. When Prof. J. M. Clark arrived the drill began, lasting nearly an hour. Nothing like their evolutions had ever been seen in Harford.

Prof. Clark welcomed Gen. Hastings, the hero of Johnstown, and who afterwards became Governor of Pennsylvania. The sun was breaking through the clouds, dispelling all fears of a bad day, warming the somewhat chilly air, and putting everyone in the best of humor; none more so than our Managing Committee.

In good spirits the General responded. We note a few sentences: "The common people still rule this country. Disaster comes when that ceases. The will of the people, honestly expressed, and faithfully followed, will hold us another century. Let us be afraid of that false peace which believes matters are right, and refuses to examine."

Reunion of Franklin Academy students: Judge Williams gave the welcome: "The only cable that held the ship in the storm was forged by the blacksmith with painstaking care in the hours unwatched by the world. I have many times likened 'Uncle Lyman' to this blacksmith. Honor to his memory! Much of his quiet work is known only to those students whose personal reflections recall individual effort in their behalf."

Hon. G. A. Grow followed: "Many born athletes are unable to climb unaided to the top of the tallest tree, yet by the aid of a ladder physical weakness may climb to dizzy heights. Education is the ladder to any pursuit in life, and is in all cases an aid to those born to success."

Next, L. M. Bunnell, Esq., Scranton: "Uncle Lyman was honest, square, true. How grandly he stands out among earth's toilers! Not for gold, but for the good of the young. His name is on my marriage certificate. I see its plain square letters in memory this moment. And that prayer he made for us both! its words come back so vividly."

At 2:45 Gov. Carpenter was introduced; a Nine Partner, third generation; the orator of the day. His address was long. Had he reflected that too much speaking had already

taken place; that the audience was tired; that its publication was sure; he would have given only extracts.

It was a Washington's Farewell Address to Harford. He has gone; but his words should be heeded. Only its closing paragraph can be given: "The footsteps of the coming generation will be measured by those of the present. We are setting the tune by which the procession of the future will mark time and will march. We are weaving the threads of the banner it will carry. We are writing the inscription for that banner. We are pointing the destiny for its columns. Realizing this; let us here and now highly resolve that our few remaining years shall be devoted to honest purpose and sincere endeavor."

The chorus rendered Dudley Buck's "Festival Hymn." Says S. J. Northrop: "The best open air singing we ever listened to. Words as distinct as the ring of a silver dollar, volume full, the cadence sweet and inspiring."

Centennial Poem, by Miss Kate Quinlan; read by herself. For smoothness of rhythm and felicity of expression this poem stands first.

Nine Partners' Program: The lateness of the hour (4 P. M. instead of 3 P. M.) and several regretted absences detracted from the expected enjoyment considerably.

Toastmaster John C. Tanner was introduced. The first, "Nine Partners," was responded to by Henry W. Jeffers:

"Roll back a hundred years! Behold a band of men leave the low-roofed cottages of Puritan Attleboro and turn their steps westward. Steady traveling brings them to the beautiful flats of the Mohawk valley. Here among the scenes of the old French and Indian War, where their fathers in old Fort Stanwix defied savage warfare, looked they about for farms and homes.

"They turned southward. Where the crooked Susquehanna emerges from Otsego Lake, came they in contact with a man who settled their destiny. 'Step into my boat; sail down this river till it enters the peaceful land of Penn; there shall you find a country warmer, more healthy, and homes almost for the asking.'

"Why listen they to this stranger? Why captivated by his

brusqueness and hilarity? Ah! "There's a divinity that shapes our ends, rough-hew them how we may."

"They followed this man into this lone wilderness. Over these hills in his company they tramped. So unlike their Attleboro land, which was level, sandy. Its very roughness had charms. And in that bark cabin, just over yon western hill, they settled their temporal destiny for all time. And mine! And yours! And on a hemlock stump was drawn up and signed that document that transferred twenty-five hundred acres of dense forest, giant pines, heavy hemlocks, lordly chestnuts, and rugged oaks, to their possession.

"Count ye these men heroes? Aye, greater than Cæsar! Tearing away from loved homes, through weary weeks of traveling, far, far away from all civilization, they came here; to found homes; where the howl of the wolf, the blood-curdling scream of the panther would be night music; while the day brought all the weary toil of the axe lifted against the monarchs of the forest. Look at them! See the energetic Hosea Tiffany, whose judgment made him a leader. Watch the jovial Ezekiel Titus, the quiet Robert Follet, the sober Thacher boys. Behold my ancestor of four generations ago, with his quiet manner, his pleasant blue eye. All loved John Carpenter. See the Richardsons, in whom Harford was so grandly to be blest. . . .

"Slowly they carved out these homes. Slowly they made this wilderness blossom as the rose. Slowly they wrung the dollars from the soil that paid for these pretty valleys, these rising hills, whose emerald green rejoices the sun as he peeps over yon eastern battlements of the morning. Slowly they fought out life's battles; quietly they laid down to sleep.

"But what inheritance left these pioneers to us, their descendants? Not lordly estates or level acres. Not stately mansions or bags of gold. Not liveried servants and aristocratic refinements or heavy bank deposits. No! they left us the Church and School; veneration for the Bible and the teachings of their fathers; love for home and respect for parental authority; the loving example of fraternal feeling, brotherly kindness, and neighborly assistance. The only

things that survive the wreck of time and go over the dark river of death to remain with us forever.

"And in that beautiful cemetery, whose bright marbles meet your vision this moment, rest their mortal remains. To-day as we celebrate their deeds, think ye not that the sparks are restless in their ashes? Turn they not over in their coffins that they might join us, their posterity. How worthy are we of such fathers?

"By the memory of such men; by their ashes on the hill; let us swear before Heaven, we'll equal their courage. We'll match their endurance. We'll bear their spotless reputation."

Second toast, "Old Harford," had been assigned to Prof. E. S. P. Hine. Through illness he could not leave his home.

Third toast, "Harford University," assigned to Prof. H. S. Sweet. It was impossible for him to be present.

Fourth toast, "Harford's Centennial," was responded to by Prof. E. K. Richardson: "Friends! The first question is, of what good are Centennials? As Hon. Edward Everett said at the laying of the cornerstone of Bunker Hill monument, 'Of what good is anything? What is good?' We say that railroads, canals, telegraphs, telephones, are good. Why are they good? They bring in money and make it easier to acquire wealth. But money in itself is of no use. It is only when we use our money to benefit ourselves and others that there is any good in it. Anything, then, that elevates us in education, morals, or religion, and makes us useful is a success. Harford's Centennial is a success. To honor the noble men and women who first settled here, to think of their noble self-sacrificing heroism, to pay a tribute of respect to their memory, is good. It elevates us and nerves us to more noble aspirations, heroic deeds, and greater self-sacrifice. Yes, Harford's Centennial is a success. In this gathering to honor the men and women of former days, many friendships are renewed, past joys recalled, and hearty greetings given. And, too, sad memories of those who are gone come through the heart like some soft, sweet strain of music in the silence of night."

Fifth toast, "One Hundred Years," was answered by Loring O. Tiffany, of Thomson: "How readily the mind goes

back as far as memory takes us, and how easily all from that point to the present is spread out before us in one grand panorama, but when we attempt to go back beyond that, the blur of not knowing comes between us and it, and although we may become deeply interested in reading or hearing occurrences of past ages, they are not spread out so plainly before our mental vision as those events within the reach of our personal remembrance.

"The story of the early struggles of the Nine, their unflinching courage, unyielding determination to secure homes for themselves and posterity, is too familiar to require rehearsal by me. Their work is done; they have passed on; and as we, their descendants, meet to-day, we stand with bowed heads and grateful hearts, to revere their names.

"What changes have transpired since May, 1790. The primeval forests of Harford have passed away, and with them the howling of wild beasts, so familiar to 'The Nine.' Well cultivated farms stretch out in broad acres over our hills and valleys. The log houses, with their ample fireplaces, have given way to comfortable modern dwellings warmed and furnished in later day methods. The welcome sound of church bells invite us to the house of worship. Our graded schools prepare the young for their part in the great drama of life. In these and in many other ways we are only keeping pace with the world at large, of which, to-day, Harford is the *hub*. One hundred years ago our Republic was in its infancy; now it has become a great and powerful nation. . . . Thus as the door of Harford's first century closes behind us to-day, we look backward; thankfully we look upward devoutly and say, 'There's a divinity that shapes our ends; rough-hew them as we may,' and standing upon the threshold of Harford's incoming century, we peer with eager expectation into the darkness beyond the door so slightly ajar. Earnestly we ask, What will the next one hundred years bring to us and to our posterity? For not one of us will celebrate Harford's Bi-centennial.

"Patrick Henry says, 'There is no way of judging the future, but by the past,' and judging by the past, Harford will yet receive rich and abundant blessings. . . .

"Are we doing our duty as nobly as did the Nine? Let us

strive so to live that others as well as ourselves shall be blessed; that when the centuries of time are all rounded up we may be safe in that land where no inhabitants ever grow old, and from which none ever have need to go out to find a new home, for there they have fullness of joy and pleasures forever more."

Here the bank struck up "Auld Lang Syne," and the second time through our chorus sang, "Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot"; two verses. Though twenty rods apart the two were exactly together, the leaders beating time by sight, and each company following their own leader. This was a most enjoyable part of the program.

The sixth toast, "The Past," vacant. Rev. Willard Richardson was absent.

The seventh toast, "The Future," responded to by Friend L. Hine:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: I have been honored by a call to answer to this toast. The past has its records and vouches for itself. The future is a cloud of mystery, and its records are yet to be made; these records, friends, must in part be the result of the influence of our present acts; sure it is that a good or bad deed to-day must bear corresponding fruit in the future.

"We are ever looking to the future; it seems hopeful to us at all times; it will, however, bring each of us our individual joys and sorrows.

"In all natural and spiritual operations, within the sphere of human agency, there are three distinct elements: an element of endeavor, of mystery, and of result.

"We find these elements as we take the past and present time of Harford's history, and the same are found if we take the present time and the future.

"First, let us apply them to the past and present time of our history. We know the earnest endeavor of the Nine as they formed a settlement. The outcome of their endeavor was a mystery to them as they advanced in age. What is the result of their endeavor and its following mystery? Why! The result is a Centennial Celebration.

"A farmer sows the seed; he reaps the harvest; but between these two points there is a middle condition, mystery. He



sleeps and rises, night and day, but the seed springs and grows, he knows not how; yet when it has ripened it is garnered in. That is all that is known. There is something for him to do, and something for him to receive; but between the doing and the receiving there is a mystery.

“The true glory of a nation is in an intelligent, industrious, and a Christian people. Such a people will surely make progress; and as much progress has been made in Harford the past century, the character of her people is as can be seen, determined; and the indications and chances for still greater progress in the future and succeeding century are bright indeed.

“There is a dignity in honest toil which belongs not to the display of wealth nor the luxury of fashion. The man who drives the plow or swings his axe in the forest or plies the tools of his craft, is as truly the servant of his country as the statesman in the Senate or the soldier in battle. If you would see the image of true glory, I would show you a Village where the crown and glory of the people was in purity of character.

“Time will work changes in all things. Yea! will not 1990, a lapse of a century, find another generation busy with their many toils, and a different peopling traveling over our beautiful hills and through our fertile valleys. Can it not be said that the cottage on the hillside, and the rural home of the farmer are the citadels of any country? . . .

“As to Harford, she has not yet contributed a President to her country; but has contributed her part of its public men, of whom much commendation is due. The future will find Harford at the front and keeping pace with her sister townships in this respect.

“Our legislators should certainly be favorable to the country's most important industry, the agricultural. Yet passing to the restrictions placed upon our farmer, it cannot be asserted. The future will yet show the power of the Grange.

“Friends! The spirit of the age is to drive ahead. If you upset your wagon and spill your milk, keep up with the popular crowd, and leave the old, slow, careful coaches in the lurch. We are a fast people and live in a fast age. The way is comparatively level, and the road is clear; drive on your

horses; keep ahead, if possible; and let the laziest be in the rear.

"Wishing all a happy and successful future, I will close with this sentiment: May the glory of our nation never cease to shine!

"May the honor of our township be without stain!"

The eight toast, "Rev. Lyman Richardson," was right royally responded to by Horace Sweet. It is a regret that it can never be reproduced. He said, "I cannot do justice to so noble a character, so grand a man as Lyman Richardson." But he did. Said a reporter for the *Montrose Democrat*: "Lyman Richardson, that wonderfully interesting character, was brought before the audience in a very appropriate manner by Horace Sweet, who, though declaring himself unequal to speak in proper terms of this great man, long since gathered to his fathers, did such justice as to win the approbation of his audience."

The ninth toast, "Rev. Adam Miller," was assigned to E. E. Jones:

"Mr. Toastmaster: Truly you say there were three great characters prominent in Harford's history, each working in a different sphere. Harford boasts of the talented men and women who have gone *out* from these homes, but here we have three great characters, doing a great work in a very limited sphere of action. As did Lyman Richardson mold the character of his students and stamp them with his intense earnestness, so Adam Miller molded the character of his hearers, as they listened to his preaching fifty-two Sundays in a year for fifty-three years. I say fifty-two Sundays in a year, for in those days not a few could say they attended church every Sabbath in the year.

"Harford owes a great deal to the memory of Adam Miller. Coming here a young man, fresh from a theological seminary, he gave his life to us. Laboring for fifty-three years with untiring energy and devotion peculiarly his own. It was not because he received no calls for larger fields, for in his prime he was *the minister* of this vicinity. Why he stayed, I cannot tell, unless an overruling Providence saw that his influence would tell on the many men of note and influence who

went forth to all parts of our land, and thus make Adam Miller indirectly a blessing to this nation. That he did make such an impression on these men, hundreds are here to testify. The homage paid him at his semi-centennial, 1878, is conclusive proof of their esteem and love for him.

"My recollections of Mr. Miller are in the last few years of his life, and when I was a Sabbath School scholar. That hundreds of boys before my day remember the same characteristics I have no doubt. In the first place, I was taught to respect him. My father had been taught the same lesson of respect. As I grew older, and was a boy in Sabbath School I remember how he always visited every class and spoke a few words to each; and *here* I learned to *love* him as our pastor. How interested he was in each one of us. How rejoiced to get prompt, intelligent answers to his questions. How his thoughtful face would brighten when perchance one of us would ask him a question; and then how clearly he would explain everything.

"Surely he loved the Sabbath School, for we all loved him. And when that Sabbath came when he no longer visited us, every heart was filled with sadness and awe.

"'Mr. Miller dead!' all said, as if he could not die.

"That he was a powerful preacher everyone knows who ever heard him. That he was scholarly and profound everyone knows who is at all acquainted with his career. That he was a devoted pastor everyone knows who ever belonged to his flock.

"The influence of Rev. Adam Miller will go down from generation to generation. In this community and years hence, his name will be linked with those of the sturdy Nine, who came to these woods one hundred years ago."

The tenth toast, "Sarah Jones," could not have been handled better by any living person than her own cousin, Gov. Carpenter.

He pictured her ambition at sixteen years; her joy at entering Franklin Academy. In his oration he said she was not only a teacher, but she had more than ordinary literary gift. She was a writer of trenchant and beautiful prose, and was the author of many exquisite poems. Had it not been for

her exceedingly retiring disposition, and her lack of confidence in her own powers, he believed she would have attained national repute. The songs she wrote were many of them equal in liquid movement, in imagination, in fervor, in the poetic metaphor, to those of Sigourney and the Careys.

The Governor spoke in a happy vein, and the geniality of his disposition showed through this little talk, accompanied by the natural grace of an orator. Lovable Gov. Carpenter!

All these ten persons were "Nine Partners."

The last act on the program was the rendering of the Centennial Hymn of Julius Tyler, "O, God! Our Fathers' God! to Thee," original music by Prof. J. A. Sophia, by our chorus.

We had arranged for "Old Hundred," by the band, chorus, and audience, singing, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." Our band was gone, and Miss Eva Sophia, at the organ, conducted the chorus and audience through the singing.

From 4:30 to 5:30 we had planned for visiting, and "good-byes," with entire absence of speeches; the band in the meanwhile giving us their choicest selections, in which several old-time melodies were intermingled. Our band was gone; we had reached this happy hour too late.

Had the Nine Partner program been on time, nothing could have been more enjoyable. The mellow sunshine came down on the group on the platform, through the leafy branches, deliciously warm; clear sky; storms all past; a beautiful ending to a red-letter day in Harford's history. 'Twas the benediction of the Great Father.

At 5:15 President Jeffers thanked the audience, the committees, and all, for attention, labor, patience, and faith in the ultimate success of our celebration. He especially singled out the Secretary, who had carried on a very large correspondence, attended all the meetings, kept faithful records of each, furnished reports for the papers, arranged the program, and watched every detail. We can never repay him for it all. He finished: "I now declare the Centennial of Harford closed."

Our Log Cabin, through these two days, had its spinning

and weaving, Mrs. Elizabeth Hotchkiss at the loom; its baking and broiling before the old-time fireplace; and all the appendages of an early day were inside. The writer has not the names of all the actors. On the doorstep was a registry, and over 300 persons enrolled their names. On the mantel were two massive records, made by E. T. Tiffany, and embellished by Mrs. A. Lee Tiffany; one, the founders of the Agricultural Society (76). The other, a complete record of all donors of logs for the cabin; framed by William Shannon. The first record appears in Chap. II. We here reproduce the second:

Thirty-foot logs: Watson Jeffers, J. C. Tanner, A. J. Adams, A. E. Tiffany, S. J. Adams, Norman Tingley, M. D. Decker, George W. Tiffany, D. N. Hardy, Mrs. Millbourne Oakley, Harford Agricultural Society, Live Oak Lodge, I. O. of O. F.

Twenty-foot logs: W. L. Thacher, G. L. Payne, D. L. Hine, D. M. Farrar, W. B. Guile, J. M. Clark, C. S. Johnston, Melvin Tingley, E. J. Tyler, Coe H. Stearns, O. C. Tingley, W. S. Overton, Alvin Stearns, W. S. Sophia, O. C. Tallman, Frank Wilmarth, S. H. Oakley, Joseph Brundage, J. B. Raub, E. C. Capron, Mrs. Alvin Stearns, Mrs. J. G. Hotchkiss, Mrs. Eudora Avery, Mrs. Laura D. Corwin, Miss Eleanor Very, E. T. Tiffany, Harford Graded School, Congregational Church. O. J. Bailey.

Fourteen-foot logs: L. W. Moore, W. J. Lowry, U. B. Lott, A. J. Stearns, Henry Jeffers, J. F. Adams, B. F. Hine, E. M. Osborn, F. W. Tennant, E. R. Flint, John A. Sophia, H. A. Robbins, D. C. Oakley, W. Osterhout, C. L. Tiffany, W. H. Dugan, W. E. Reynolds, W. E. Barnard, A. C. Salisbury, E. N. Carpenter, Oliver Payne, W. D. Pease, F. A. Osborn, F. E. Carpenter, W. H. Shannon, F. P. Tingley, Paris Tiffany, L. M. Brewster, Mrs. G. W. Tiffany, Mrs. J. L. Tiffany, Mrs. A. F. Maynard, Mrs. Julia Estabrook, Mrs. Polly Guile, Miss Sarah Adams, Miss Nancy Streeter, Levi R. Peck, O. G. Coughlan, Leroy Taft, B. D. Sherwood, John Dixon, W. W. Wilmarth.

Joists: F. H. Wilcox, John Alworth, George L. Carey, Wil-

son Gow, Wallace Gow, D. E. Whitney, R. I. Rynearson, A. Rynearson, Otis Grinnell, Mrs. Otis Grinnell.

Fireplace: Mrs. Nancy Oakley.

Hearth: Emmet R. Flint.

Our Relic Hall was the repository of an invaluable collection. Precious documents were here that could not be bought for \$100. Objects of every conceivable kinds were orderly arranged, labelled, and some history attached. Days of labor were here, in advance. All honor to the relic committee, who through rain and tempest, day after day, came to the task with patient cheerfulness. Dr. Brundage had a collection of Indian curios; Alick Leslie, likewise; George W. Seymour, a valuable one, gathered by him in the far West; George L. Payne, a collection of guns, pistols, firearms of every description, arranged with great care; W. L. Thacher, a large miscellaneous collection. And many others. It has been the regret of years that this exhibition, costing so much, was regathered by the owners, and no complete list made. But the Secretary had too many burdens; and soon it was too late.

The labors of the Managing Committee cannot be comprehended. The nine men shouldered the responsibility that might mean a heavy debt. They pledged themselves to stand together, through thick or thin. The writer has admiration for these men who, everything dark, forced a pleasant smile on their faces and voted "Yes" on every important point. Who went home, tired beyond measure, that night? Our president, Watson Jeffers. No words of praise and appreciation can be too great. Burdens and responsibilities for twenty months. And not a cent for it all. Said S. J. Northrop: "The presence and voice of President Jeffers was an inspiration; the touch of Secretary Thacher's hand was felt everywhere."

Two *good* days between two bad ones. The storm of Tuesday was fearful; the sky of Friday was leaden, with sprinkles or rain and chilly air. Those who believe that prayer moves the arm that moves the universe, have no doubt that these two days were fixed for us.

The sun went down behind the hills in gold and crimson.

"Good night! I'll rise clear and bright on your Bi-centennial morning."

We, the undersigned, contribute the sums set opposite our names, and pay the same at once to E. T. Tiffany, Treasurer, as a fund from which to defray all current expenses for the erection of a Log Cabin, and for other incidental expenses connected with the proper and successful Centennial Celebration, May 22, 1890.

Should the receipts of this Celebration be sufficient to meet all expenses, then these sums are to be returned to us. Should there be a deficiency less than the total amount which we have subscribed, then shall a proper proportionate sum be returned to each of us.

Harford, Pa., Sept., 1889.

J. C. Tanner .....	\$5.00	Charles A. Stearns ..	5.00
E. T. Tiffany .....	5.00	Coe Stearns .....	5.00
W. Jeffers .....	10.00	A. J. Adams .....	5.00
W. L. Thacher .....	5.00	A. T. Brundage ....	5.00
L. W. Moore .....	5.00	F. P. Tingley .....	5.00
W. B. Guile .....	5.00	H. J. Tiffany .....	5.00
G. L. Payne .....	5.00	Melvin Tingley .....	1.00
B. F. Hine .....	5.00	W. E. Reynolds ....	3.00
M. D. Decker .....	5.00	Walter Wilmarth ...	1.00
E. E. Jones .....	5.00	A. Lee Tiffany .....	5.00
E. V. Hight .....	1.00	P. G. Williams .....	0.50
Vernon Williams ...	0.25	E. L. Gow .....	0.50
Robert Gow .....	2.00	G. R. Resseguie ....	3.00
Philander Harding ..	1.00	Ernest Harding ....	1.00
C. D. Ransom .....	2.00	Horace Sweet .....	2.00
W. S. Sophia .....	5.00	F. W. Tennant .....	5.00
F. A. Osborn .....	1.00	Otis Grinnell .....	1.00
A. T. Sweet .....	2.00	E. L. Ellsworth ....	0.50
W. C. Gow .....	1.00		

**\$123.75**

E. T. Tiffany, Treasurer, in account with Harford Centennial Celebration.

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1889		Dr.
Nov.	6—To cash from Finance Committee.....	\$ 35.50
Nov.	22—To cash from Finance Committee.....	21.00
1890		
Feb.	8—To cash from Finance Committee.....	7.00
	To cash from Finance Committee.....	41.42
May	3—To cash from C. E. Updegrove, stand..	8.50
	To cash from Bosso Brothers, stand.....	6.50
	To cash from F. W. Tennant, dining hall.	5.75
	To cash from Lewis & Welch, gallery....	4.00
May	5—To cash from F. E. Carpenter, stand....	6.00
May	7—To cash from Mrs. Adaline R. Gardner..	2.00
May	22—To cash from Finance Committee, L.	
	W. M. ....	3.83
	To cash from C. E. Updegrove, stand..	8.50
	To cash from Bosso Brothers, stand....	6.25
	To cash from F. E. Carpenter, stand....	5.00
	To cash from Fred Moore.....	31.00
	To cash from Tennant & Moore, dining hall	5.75
	To cash from Heber Tingley, candy....	5.00
	To cash from gate receipts at \$0.10.....	405.38
	To cash from registry of names.....	14.20
	To cash from W. Jeffers for tickets.....	0.50
	To cash from receipts, baggage room....	7.00
	To cash from advertisements on program.	17.50
	To cash from advertisement, Robbins....	1.00
	To cash from L. W. Moore, subscription..	5.00
	To cash from W. B. Guile, subscription..	5.00
	To cash from M. D. Decker, subscription..	5.00
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1889		Cr.
Nov.	6—By cash paid for account book.....	\$ 0.15
	By cash paid on order to Welcome Wil-	
	marth, work on Log Cabin.....	12.00
	By cash paid to Geo. W. Tiffany, drawing	
	lumber .....	7.00
Nov.	23—By cash paid M. D. Decker, work.....	12.25



	By cash paid L. Silsbee, edging slabs.....	1.50
	By cash paid A. E. Tiffany, work.....	12.70
	By cash paid A. J. Seamans, work.....	16.57
	By cash paid W. H. Patterson, lumber, windows .....	5.94
	By cash paid G. Washington Tiffany, work	3.75
	By cash paid E. J. Tyler, work.....	10.10
	By cash paid Leroy Taft, work.....	2.50
	By cash paid Den. Simons.....	41.42
1890		
Mar. 24—	By cash paid L. E. Hawley, work.....	6.00
	By cash paid D. L. Hine, Log Cabin work	19.67
	By cash paid Jerry Robbins, Log Cabin work .....	3.75
	By cash paid B. D. Sherwood, work.....	1.00
	By cash paid A. J. Adams, wood, work..	2.75
	By cash paid E. R. Tanner, work.....	1.50
	By cash paid glass, Log Cabin frame....	0.40
	By cash paid J. C. Tanner, bill of wire....	9.30
	By cash paid L. W. Moore, nails.....	1.60
	By cash paid John A. Sophia, music.....	20.00
	By cash paid John A. Sophia, music....	15.00
May 22—	By cash paid Bauer's Band, 21 members..	66.00
	By cash paid Bauer's Band, R. R. fare..	21.00
	By cash paid D. M. Farrar, bringing four members from Kingsley.....	1.40
	By cash paid Havens Lewis, carrying band	8.00
	By cash paid H. W. Booth, carrying two members to Kingsley.....	1.00
	By cash paid Fred. Moore and Tennant, dinner for band.....	8.40
	By cash paid W. E. Reynolds, Relic Hall.	13.00
	By cash paid Mrs. A. M. Hammond, Relic Hall .....	7.00
	By cash paid Mrs. A. J. Adams, Relic Hall	3.00
	By cash paid Hattie Adams, Relic Hall..	0.75
	By cash paid Frank Darrow, Relic Hall..	1.50
	By cash paid W. H. Patterson, chief of police .....	4.00

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By cash paid William Osmun, 2 days police	3.00
By cash paid Cyrus B. Carpenter, 2 days police .....	3.00
By cash paid Russel Darrow, 2 days police .....	3.00
By cash paid Dan Little, 2 days police...	3.00
By cash paid Jerry Robbins, 2 days police	3.00
By cash paid M. D. Decker, 2 days police.	3.00
By cash paid H. A. Robins, 1 day police..	1.50
By cash paid Geo. Thompkins, gatekeeper	3.00
By cash paid James Rogers, gatekeeper..	3.00
By cash paid Chas. H. Miller, gatekeeper.	3.00
By cash paid Geo. Palmer, gatekeeper....	3.00
By cash paid Vernon Williams, gatekeeper	1.50
By cash paid E. J. Whitney, ticket office..	3.00
By cash paid G. W. B. Tiffany, baggage room .....	3.00
By cash paid Geo. L. Payne, bill.....	2.54
By cash paid Geo. L. Payne, extra, by order of Committee.....	15.00
By cash paid W. L. Thacher, bill, secretary	41.08
By cash paid W. L. Thacher, extra, by order of Committee.....	20.00
By cash paid W. L. Thacher, bill on file..	3.36
By cash paid <i>Independent Republican</i> , by order of Committee.....	8.00
By cash paid New Milford <i>Advertiser</i> , bill	1.95
By cash paid New Milford <i>Advertiser</i> , by order of Committee.....	6.05
By cash paid Montrose <i>Democrat</i> , bill..	3.00
By cash paid Montrose <i>Democrat</i> , by order of Committee.....	1.00
By cash paid Montrose <i>Sentinel</i> , by order of Committee .....	4.00
By cash paid Forest City <i>News</i> , bill....	1.00
By cash paid Susquehanna <i>Transcript</i> , bill	2.00
By cash paid Hyde Crocker, Jr., for cane presented by Committee to Ex-Gov. Carpenter .....	25.00

By cash paid for programs, 3000.....	22.00
By cash paid Mrs. Elizabeth Hotchkiss, web .....	0.50
By cash paid Wm. I. Carpenter, work...	0.50
By cash paid E. T. Tiffany.....	1.95
By cash paid refunded subscriptions.....	123.75
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	\$663.58

(1) The Treasurer was not particular as to dates.

(2) It will be seen that the Log Cabin cost \$170, outside of donations of the logs.

(3) D. L. Hine built the fire place and chimney; besides much wood-work inside of cabin. The writer remembers thinking his patient service was not thoughtfully appreciated.

(4) Prof. Sophia's music embraced 100 copies each of the three selections sung by the chorus, and 500 copies of the Centennial Hymn and music.

(5) Geo. L. Payne's extra \$15.00 was a recognition of his much work, over and above the other members of Committee. He was watchman, two nights, on his voluntary offer. And his collection of firearms in Relic Hall cost him much cash.

(6) W. L. Thatcher's bill was also for time, over and above the other members, postage, stationery, etc. The Committee decided that \$20 additional was well deserved.

(7) Six County papers assisted us during the year preceding and up to time of celebration. The *Independent Republican* published the most, presenting no bill. The sums voted were recommended by the Secretary.

(8) The next article in this chapter explains the cane.

(9) It is supposed Mr. Tiffany reported \$1.95 on hand, on final settlement, and he was told to accept it. The burden of accounts, ticket office for two days, are part of his work for nineteen months. It can be truthfully said that seven of the Managing Committee received nothing for service, all through.

(10) The thirty-seven persons who subscribed \$123.75 *did* receive back their money. The Centennial paid its expenses.

#### HYDE CROCKER'S CANE

Some months previous to the Centennial, Hyde Crocker,

Jr., Montrose, requested the Secretary to send him the names of the Nine Partners and their children; adding that he would prepare something that would prove interesting to the Centennial. Soon he requested more, and "Franklin Academy," abbreviated history, was sent. Again he wrote for more; and the Committee's names were sent, and more, with dates of meetings. He next requested prominent dates in Harford history.

All these were engraved or cut on a *cane*. It was triangular in shape. He exhibited it at the Centennial. Learning that the Committee would probably purchase it for Gov. Carpenter, he requested yet more; and a very brief history of the two days' celebration was sent. And this additional: "Presented to Ex-Gov. Carpenter, Iowa, by the Managing Committee of nine, as a token of their regard for, love and thankfulness to him."

It seems incredible that so much could be engraved on a *cane*; but Mr. Crocker had done much of this kind of work.

(1) "Friday, May 23, was a lonesome, homesick day for Harford people. Our Centennial, for which we had labored so long—looked forward to so earnestly, was *gone*; a thing of the past; never to come to *us* again. We would have rolled back the wheels of time, if possible, to enjoy it over again."—From *Ind. Republican*, June 2.

(2) "Rev. Nestor Light, at the close of our Centennial week, fittingly remembered the Church's part in the century past, in a sermon of historical review, with a tribute to its second pastor, Rev. Adam Miller. Many of our guests from abroad, still in the place, were present, and with the S. O. S. pupils also, the old Church was packed full. A request for its publication has been made."—From *Ind. Rep.*, June 9.

(3) The attendance, second day, was 3500.

(4) The next note, copied by Gov. Carpenter's home paper, Iowa, from our *Ind. Republican*, was headed: "Gov. Carpenter *canned* in Pennsylvania."

(5) A pleasant gathering occurred Monday evening at Mrs. H. M. Jones's residence. Neighbors, friends, and the Managing Committee of the Centennial came together to bid Gov.

Carpenter good-by, and remind him of the affection Harford has for her honored son. The cane, engraved by H. Crocker, Jr., with Nine Partners, their families, Franklin Academy history, and a brief outline of the work resulting in Harford's Centennial, was presented to him by the Committee. Replying to W. L. Thatcher's presentation remarks, the Governor spoke at some length of his early days, and departure for the West in 1851. He speculated as to his life had he *not* gone thither. To his mind, remaining here, dwelling among his own kindred, living perhaps an uneventful life, but serving his day and generation as he was best able, looked fully as attractive as the life he had really led. It was not *always* best to "go West." True enjoyment consisted not in wealth, rich dinners, and liveried servants. It lay in the respect and affection of our kindred and neighbors, in deeds of kindness, self-denial, and Christian fellowship. In closing, he said, "I am reaching an age when this staff will be a necessity. I may not with these bodily eyes again behold the green fields of my native town. But my heart will every stay young in memories of it and of your kindness and love on this occasion."—*Ind. Republican*, June 2.

## CHAPTER VIII

### ROUNDING OUT A HALF-CENTURY—1893 TO 1906

February 6, 1893. Annual meeting, President Jeffers in the chair. Treasurer reported as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To balance on hand, Feb. 1, 1892.....	\$1156.09	
To amount received for admissions, 1892.	869.53	
To amount, privileges and stands.....	228.25	
To amount from sale of hay and oats....	6.40	
To amount from baggage room.....	6.40	
To amount from transportation to and from depot .....	21.70	
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	\$2288.37	
By paying orders for improvements on grounds .....		\$270.00
By paying expenses of Fair.....		767.71
By paying premiums.....		855.00
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		\$1892.71
Balance in Treasury, Feb. 6, 1893.....		\$395.66

The committee on driving track around the grounds, reported \$6.50 cash expended; much work being donated by J. M. Clark, W. Jeffers and others.

Officers elected: President, W. Jeffers; Vice President, A. T. Sweet; Secretary, E. E. Jones; Treasurer, W. B. Guile; Executive Committee (3 years), H. S. Estabrook; Auditors, E. J. Whitney, E. T. Tiffany.

The subject of sheds for horses and cattle was discussed at some length. The matter was left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

The discussion of a three days' Fair was introduced by W.

B. Guile, who moved that the Society hold a three days' Fair the coming fall. Geo. L. Payne moved to amend by striking out "three days." After a protracted discussion it was decided that Harford Fair this fall be held two days as heretofore.

On motion of G. R. Resseguie it was,

Resolved, That we extend a vote of thanks to A. Lee Tiffany, our retiring Secretary, for the signal ability with which he has performed the duties of his office for seventeen consecutive years.

Adjournment.

A full attendance. Our reverses last year lost us nearly \$800. The majority for a two days' Fair was very large. A. Lee Tiffany's efficient and able management was remembered.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held October 4 and 5, 1893, Wednesday and Thursday.

Premiums offered \$1338.50. Class I., Div. 1. Standard Bred horses, is increased. Herds of 8 in Full Bloods are decreased to 5 animals. Dorset Horn sheep in Class III. Twenty-four fancy names for fowls in Class IV., up to this time. The Pratt Food Co., Philadelphia, offers special premiums in poultry. In the class for "pets," Angora and Himalayan rabbits are added. Some articles in Class VI. receive the extra premium of an agricultural paper. In Class VIII. best colony of bees is omitted. In Class XI. ladders, chairs, tables, baskets are added. In Class XIV. best exhibition of oil paintings is omitted.

Judge on horses is W. C. Norton, Aldenville, Pa. Judge on six divisions of Full Bloods, E. G. Carpenter, Waverly, Pa. Judge on six more, including oxen and steers, H. J. Rose, Sheldon, Pa. A few classes and divisions are given entirely to judges outside of Harford.

General Superintendent, G. R. Resseguie. Assistant, H. A. Robbins. Of horses, T. M. Tingley. Of cattle, E. L. Peck. Assistant, C. G. Rhodes. Sheep and swine, W. E. Osmun. Vegetable Hall, W. C. Gow. Assistant, John Keisenger.



*E. E. Jones*



*H. S. Estabrook*



*W. J. Sophia*



*F. A. Osborn*





Mechanics' Hall, Geo. Titus. Floral Hall, W. B. Hammond. Assistants, E. W. Watson, Miss Mary Quinlan, Miss Alice Barnard, Miss Minnie Osmun. School Exhibit, C. F. Osborné. Chief of Police, A. H. Harding.

Regulations: Plowing match on Fair Ground farm, Wednesday. Some slight changes in a few of the nineteen rules. An earnest request for the exhibitors to make their entries by mail, finding their cards ready Thursday morning.

G. L. PAYNE,  
F. P. TINGLEY,  
H. S. ESTABROOK.

WATSON JEFFERS, President.  
E. E. JONES, Secretary.

(1) One of the pretty posters, in colors, for this Fair, was a young man on horse back conversing with the trim neat milk-maid.

(2) Our managers have secured the Hallstead Band, 25 members.

(3) W. C. Norton has an extended reputation in stock raising. An excellent judge of horses. H. J. Rose, this county, needs no introduction. E. G. Carpenter is a member of the Lackawanna Stock Breeders' Association.

(4) Geo. W. Heighes, York Co., will deliver the address. He has for years addressed Fairs in Southern Pennsylvania.

It is also expected that Secretary Edge, State Board of Agriculture, will be present.

(5) The Drum Corps will be at the Plowing match. The D., L. & W. will sell tickets at half price. Transportation from Kingsley to Fair Ground.

Awards: Robert Manson, farm stallion; Theron Grinnell, brood mare; Thos. Pennay, pair colts; T. M. Maynard, A. A. Allen, Durham cow; Frank Forsyth, Grade Durham, heifer; M. J. Chamberlin, Grade Jersey calf; Squires & Green, all Holderness and Grades; A. M. Leslie, Grade Holstein bull; J. W. Benson, oxen; C. F. Whitney, Dorset Horn sheep; Harry Van Buskirk, fall pigs; Bert Moore, Langshan fowls; Mrs. C. G. Roe, Laced Wyandotte; J. M. Brundage, B. F.

Hine, corn; Mrs. Austin Darrow, quinces; Vernon Williams, squash; Arthur Tingley, potatoes; B. F. Hine, jar butter; H. S. Coutant, print butter; Zada Hotchkiss, Graham bread; Nina Adams, soda biscuit; H. M. Seeley, honey; Mrs. W. S. Sophia, apple jelly; Hattie Chamberlin, pickled pears; C. C. Keeney, sulky harrow; Mrs. E. C. Peck, woolen flannel; Mrs. G. W. Tiffany, fine shirt; Mrs. W. W. Williams, fourteen times in needlework; Lou. Rogers, afghan; Mrs. M. A. Blair, handkerchief; Jessie Lott, skirt; Mrs. M. J. Hartley, Kensington painting; Louisa Boswell, water color; Mrs. C. D. Ransom, potted flowers. School exhibit: Mabel Cochran, penmanship, under 10 years; Sada Casey, Eugene W. Osmun, under 16; Carrie Shepherdson, business letter. Graded: Ruth Ransom, Libbie Gillespie, Bernice Tallman, maps; Charlie Lamb, Clyde Patterson, penmanship, under 10; Ruth Ransom, Bessie Wheaten, business letter. Teachers: Gertie Ely, four times; Hattie Chamberlin, questions. Graded: H. N. Barrett, three times; C. E. Moxley, questions.

Plowing: M. T. Perrigo, A. H. Rynearson, D. D. Plummer, Frank Forsyth.

*Ind. Republican*, October 14: "Our hearts were in the bottom of our shoes, Wednesday morn. The sky was leaden, and the south wind doing its best to blow up a storm. At noon it began to rain and continued at intervals, all the afternoon. The plowing match went forward in its work, and the grounds had quite a crowd, the most of whom were unpacking exhibits or besieging Secretary Jones for cards. All seemed determined to make the most of the situation and hope, without much foundation for hope.

"Thursday morning dawned with a sullen sky, but the wind was in the north. Soon the clouds began to break, and at 7 A. M. the sun burst forth. We were saved! And the day was the most delightful; perfect as could be desired, an ideal October dream fully realized.

"The entries were very many. Secretary Jones and his assistants being kept under strong tension till 11 A. M. Very many entries had been made by mail on days previous. This feature of the management is increasing each year.

"The Hallstead Band discoursed acceptable music all the day; some of its selections of old-time melodies, being greatly enjoyed by the older people. They are gentlemen and our managers speak in high praise of them.

"Floral Hall was not quite up to its former magnificence; Mechanics' Hall was also under former years. The School Exhibit, under the efficient management of Prof. Osborne, was well managed. Agricultural implements were not profuse. Vegetable Hall, had an enormous display, outdoing any preceding year.

"Did not see the horses. One yoke of oxen, one yoke of steers, were on the grounds.

"President Jeffers called the crowd to the speaker's stand, 2:30. He congratulated them on the beautiful day and large attendance. It means more improvements, a larger premium list next year. Harford Fair is a success and will continue to be so; an able ally has come to it in the shape of the Farmers' Club. The Fair, our Club, our Institute last winter, all show the increasing interest and energy of our farmers. He introduced R. S. Searle, so well known to the farming community, who spoke of Harford's successful Institute in February.

"Prof. Samuel Heighes held audience in close attention for nearly an hour. He said he could report to his county a grandly successful Fair without horse racing and gambling. He had stepped down and out as manager because he opposed such things in their fairs. Our farmers were so eager with their questions that President Jeffers had considerable difficulty in staving off the interrogations in time to allow the reading of premiums.

"The crowd seemed loth to leave. A man of much observation said to us: 'I have attended the fairs this year, and nowhere is there the sociability, good nature, and downright enjoyment that the Harford Fair presents. It has always been so.'

"The Fair managers were happy. You could poke them with a stick and they would smile all over. And well they might. The threatened rain had not come. A treasury somewhat low, was running over again, with a handsome surplus

after all premiums paid. Receipts at gate \$1400; total receipts \$1600. W. L. T."

New Milford *Advertiser*, October 7: "The Harford Agricultural Society are a fortunate people. For weeks the talk of everybody was centered on the Fair, and Thursday the great event came off, and it was a glorious success. The day was an ideal Fair day and the attendance was large. Receipts will probably reach \$1800.

"Wednesday there was more than usual life and activity. Agricultural Hall probably never showed up to better advantage; never contained a larger or finer display of fruits, grains, vegetables."

Says the Nicholson *Examiner*: "The butter, bread, canned fruits, other handsome and valuable products, prove the women in that vicinity are ambitious and intelligent and desire to excell in this department.

"We know no other reason to attribute the success, but the moral principles, unselfishness, fairness of the managers. Any society, where the members possess the foregoing qualities ought to prosper."

(1) Montrose people who were present report a fine exhibit, an immense crowd. The day was glorious and seemed made expressly for the occasion. We congratulate our Harford neighbors.

(2) It was like old times to see our former Secretary A. Lee Tiffany, in the Fair Ground office again.

(3) It was our pleasure to fill our usual corner in the Secretary's office, assistant for the new Secretary, E. E. Jones.

(4) D. B. Thacher sold many tickets Fair-day morning in the Village to those who drove out of the procession and stopped. This lessened the jam at the ticket office.

(5) Hallstead *Herald*: "The band boys tell us that never were they used nicer on any occasion than at the Harford Fair. They especially desire to thank President Jeffers, Sumner Adams, John Tanner, E. T. Tiffany, Mr. Moore, for exceptionally kind and generous treatment."

(6) The exhibit in Vegetable Hall was wonderful.

Heighes, who has been all over the State addressing fairs, said he never saw better, anywhere. Speaking of W. S. Sophia's collection of vegetables, he said it was the finest he ever saw.

February 5, 1894. Annual meeting, President Jeffers in the chair. Treasurer reported as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To balance on hand, Feb. 6, 1893.....	\$ 395.66	
To admissions .....	1422.65	
To privileges and stands.....	179.15	
To receipts from baggage room.....	20.20	
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	\$2017.66	
By premium list.....		\$845.50
By improvements .....		115.25
By expenses of Fair.....		445.25
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		\$1406.00
Balance on hand, Feb. 5, 1894.....	\$611.66	

Officers elected: President, L. W. Moore; Vice President, W. S. Sophia; Secretary, E. E. Jones; Treasurer, W. B. Guile; Executive Committee (3 years), F. A. Osborn; Auditors, E. J. Whitney, Friend Hine.

The retiring President reviewed the work of the past year; urging our own farmers to take more articles to the Fair for exhibition. Keep up the exhibits. The last Fair will be remembered as having a remarkably fine and large display in all departments. He offered as a special premium, \$1 for the first and \$0.50 for the second, for the best half bushel potatoes, raised by boys between 12 and 16 years. The exhibitor to furnish a written statement of kind of potato, fertilizer used, how planted, tilled, etc.

W. S. Sophia also made valuable suggestions, and offered a special premium to the girls between 12 and 16 years, who exhibited the best jar of butter made by themselves; \$1 for the best, \$0.50 for the second.

L. W. Moore offered special premiums to boys between 12 and 16 years, for plowing at time of regular plowing match; \$3 for first and \$1 for third; W. B. Guile offered \$2 for second premium in this match.

Moved by E. E. Jones that the Executive Committee shall set aside a certain amount each year from the accumulations of the Society to establish a fund to be known as the "sinking fund." This money shall be loaned by them and the President at the best rate of interest obtainable on good and sufficient security, and that this year, 1894, \$100 be thus appropriated. Carried.

Privileges and sale of stands early in September brought 25 per cent more than 1893.

A new band stand erected. To be occupied first time by New Milford Band.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held Wednesday and Thursday, September 26 and 27, 1894.

Premiums offered \$1244.50. Red Polled omitted from Full Bloods. Also Grade. Sheep are made Division 1, Full Bloods; Division 2, Grades. Class V. has beans added. Some additions to Class VI., VII., VIII. Class XI. has Cream Separator added.

Special premiums offered by W. Jeffers, L. W. Moore, W. B. Guile, W. S. Sophia. (See annual meeting report). By Pratt Food Co., to ten fancy breeds of fowls. By Orange Judd Co., to apples, potatoes, jelly, canned fruit, vegetables. By Wilmer Atkinson, to cows, grain, domestics, bread, butter. By F. C. Brandy to poultry. By Brophy Bros., to miscellaneous. By Luce & Mott, to miscellaneous. By Ferris Publishing Co., to miscellaneous.

General Superintendent, G. R. Resseguie. Assistant, H. A. Robbins. Of horses, T. M. Tingley. Cattle, E. L. Peck. Assistant, C. G. Rhodes. Sheep and swine, W. E. Osmun. Vegetable Hall, Edgar Van Loan. Assistant, John Keisenger. Mechanics' Hall, H. G. Adams. Floral Hall, W. B. Hammond. Assistants, W. J. Lamb, Miss Mary Quinlan, Miss

Alice Barnard, Miss Minnie Osmun. School Exhibit, F. N. Tingley.

Chief of Police, A. D. Darrow.

Regulations: Plowing match on Fair Ground farm, Wednesday.

The neat pamphlet containing premium list has advertisements from Scranton, Nicholson, Honesdale, Montrose, Binghamton, etc., while our home business men most liberally use its pages. Also, Gibson and New Milford.

The poster for 1894 pictures an immense Fair building crowded with people who are witnessing a cavalcade of horses, cows, sheep, led by hardy, happy farmers. The announcements are: New Milford Cornet Band, and address by Prof. C. F. Osborne, principal of Harford Graded School.

F. P. TINGLEY,  
H. S. ESTABROOK,  
F. A. OSBORN.

L. W. MOORE, President.

E. E. JONES, Secretary.

Awards: Charles Darrow, colt; L. J. DeWitt, gelding; Harley Tingley, Grade Durham calf; M. W. Palmer, all Jerseys but one; L. Tewksbury, all Holsteins; S. D. Allen, Grade Holstein calf; D. E. Whitney, three times, Grade Holstein; W. P. Bailey, oxen; E. C. Peck, steers; Leroy Taft, sheep; E. F. Tiffany & Co., much of poultry; A. S. Payne, White Minorcas; Rev. Thos. Eva, Red Caps; H. N. Tiffany, beans; F. Wilmarth, corn; R. M. Tingley, pears; Harley Thacher, citron; F. W. Sheldon, plums; Mrs. L. D. McKeeby, butter; Mrs. W. Watson & Son, print butter; Mrs. E. M. Tingley, wheat bread; Louise Sophia, can pears; Mrs. J. R. Alexander, can peaches; Mrs. G. L. Payne, jelly; Mrs. W. L. Cox, jam; A. Darrow, harness; E. E. Jones, plows; Mrs. R. Reynolds, patching; Mrs. H. L. Beach, ten times, needle-work; Mrs. John Hoyt, afghan; Mrs. J. P. Taylor, handkerchief case; Miss Mary Hearn, handkerchief; Mrs. A. E. Tiffany, doilies; Mrs. L. McMillan, oil painting; Mrs. G. F. Decker, plaque; J. F. Millard, crayon; E. S. P. Hine, pencilling; Mrs. H. M. Lindsey, potted flowers; G. N. Van Fleet, Angora goats. School



exhibit: Alvin Tourgee, map; Celia B. Potter, Ethel Allen, penmanship, under 10 years; Lida Carey, Hubbard B. Payne, under 16. Graded: Libbie Gillespie, Maud Robbins, Myrtie Ransom, maps; Ethel Tiffany, Chas. Lamb, penmanship, under 10; Maude Robbins, Dena Wilcox, under 16; Pearl Tingley, business letter. Teachers: Mrs. W. S. Miller, program; Mrs. O. W. Burman, questions. Graded: H. M. Barrett, C. E. Moxley, all.

Special premiums: Potatoes by boys between 12 and 16, Le Grand Williams, Jason Benson. Butter by girls between 12 and 16, Ruby Perrigo, Lucy Savige.

Plowing: B. Tourgee, M. Perrigo, G. E. Chamberlain, D. D. Plummer, A. H. Rynearson; E. Morgan, sulky plowing.

*Ind. Republican*, September 29: "The Harford Fair was on Thursday, and as usual had a fair day, a fine exhibition, a big crowd. The gate receipts were \$1460. Total receipts from all sources, \$1700. The entries especially in Horticultural Hall, and Floral Hall were large, and the best we ever saw. Some idea of what Floral Hall possessed will be conveyed when we state that the entries of that hall alone numbered 823. The display in Horticultural Hall consisting of all kinds of farm products, was better than ever, which seems a little strange when we consider the great drouth prevailing during the season. The potato crop is certainly not a failure, judging from the great display and large size of that tuber on exhibition. One interesting feature in this line, and a pleasant one to contemplate, was the exhibit of potatoes raised by boys between 12 and 16 years of age. There is certainly good material for making thrifty farmers among the rising generation of Susquehanna Co. boys.

"The exhibits in Agricultural Hall were light and not up to the former years. The show of horses, cattle, and other stock was good. The special premiums in plowing for boys 12 to 16 years were not competed for. Why, we did not learn.

"At least 30 persons from Montrose were on the ground."

*New Milford Advertiser*, September 29: "In nearly all the essential particulars the Fair this year was just as much a success as ever. The entries in almost every department

were creditable to the exhibitors. The day opened cloudy and portended rain, but this had no fears for those who make it a business to attend, and friends and relatives enjoyed their annual hand-shake.

"The New Milford Cornet Band discoursed fine music, and Prof. C. F. Osborne delivered a very pleasing address. The opening address was by President L. W. Moore who gave a brief history, and the policy of the Society."

From our diary: "September 27. Promises rain. Assist Secretary Jones, with our former secretary A. Lee Tiffany for my companion worker. Rushed heavily. No rain. Some sunshine."

February 4, 1895. Annual meeting, President L. W. Moore in the chair. Treasurer reported as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To balance on hand, Feb. 5, 1894.....	\$ 611.66	
To gate receipts.....	1415.15	
To sale of privileges and stands.....	213.50	
To receipts from baggage room.....	15.94	
	<u>\$2254.25</u>	
By improvements.....		\$254.15
By premiums paid.....		850.50
By expenses of Fair.....		<u>319.99</u>
		\$1424.64
Balance on hand, Feb. 4, 1895.....		\$829.61

Officers re-elected: President, Hon. L. W. Moore; Vice President, W. S. Sophia; Secretary, E. E. Jones; Treasurer, W. B. Guile; Executive Committee (3 years), F. P. Tingley; Auditors, E. J. Whitney, F. E. Carpenter.

Many good suggestions were introduced and discussed, regarding arrangements of exhibits, improvements on the grounds, changes in premium list, etc., etc.

Moved, That the Executive Committee add to the "sinking fund," \$100 from balance in treasury.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held Wednesday and Thursday, September 25 and 26, 1895.

Premiums offered \$1250.50. Judges on butter, D. J. Morgan, Mrs. Leroy Barnes, Mrs. E. G. Lamb. On canned goods, A. D. Barnes, Mrs. F. H. Wilcox, Mrs. Chas. Fish. On domestics, E. M. Loomis, Mrs. G. J. Bailey, Mrs. Ira Moss. Needle-work, Division 1, Hon. E. B. Hardenbergh, Mrs. B. E. James, Miss Estella Bevans. Division 2, W. A. Titsworth, Mrs. Dr. Hooven, Miss Agnes DeWitt. Paintings, J. P. Taylor, Mrs. Lee Tiffany, Miss Louise Stearns. School Exhibit, Rev. C. C. Gillett, Prof. C. E. Moxley, Prof. W. L. Rogers.

Special premiums: Orange Judd Co. (*American Agriculturist*), to best collection of vegetables, canned fruit, plowing. Vail & Howell (New Milford *Advertiser*), to largest exhibit of canned fruit. Pratt Food Co., to ten fancy breeds of poultry. *American Farmer*, to fruit, vegetables, honey, potatoes, grapes, etc.

J. M. Clark judge on Standard Bred horses.

Twenty-five fancy breeds of fowls in Class IV.

Poster for 1895: In colors. Immense crowd in buildings; band in stand playing; cavalcade, oxen, horses rearing high in air, sheep, etc. Announcements: Address by Hon. G. A. Grow. Music by Hallstead Cornet Band. Excursion tickets on D., L. & W.

General Superintendent, Hon. G. R. Resseguie. Assistant, A. H. Harding. Of horses, T. M. Tingley. Cattle, W. E. Osmun. Assistant, C. G. Rhodes. Sheep and swine, G. W. Osmun. Poultry, C. H. Stearns. Vegetable Hall, Edgar Van Loan. Assistant, F. L. Hine. Mechanics' Hall, H. W. Booth. Floral Hall, W. B. Hammond. Assistants, W. J. Lamb, Miss Mary Quinlan, Miss Alice Barnard, Miss Minnie Osmun. School Exhibit: G. A. Stearns.

Chief of Police, A. D. Darrow.

Regulations: Plowing match, Wednesday, on Fair Ground farm. No entry fee is charged. All who plow are given their supper by the occupant of the farm. Also, teams fed. No herd premium awarded unless there is competition.

H. S. ESTABROOK,

F. A. OSBORNE,

F. P. TINGLEY.

L. W. MOORE, President.

E. E. JONES, Secretary.

(1) The new dining hall (September 7), has received the finishing touches.

(2) Every year first week in September, the privileges of stands, dining hall, hot candy, hay, straw, etc., are sold at auction, one-half cash down, one-half last day of Fair.

(3) A phonograph is to be on the grounds.

(4) Sale of privileges brought the most money ever received, save the three days' Fair of '92. The new dining hall, over \$50; and will be managed by F. E. Carpenter, a guarantee of good service.

(5) One stand to Aaron Savige, one to Henry Edwards, two to E. M. Loomis, one to a Scranton party, one more unknown.

(4) Hon. G. A. Grow is as hale and robust as at 25. Yet he is reaching that age when he will not be as often heard on such occasions. A special platform has been built so he can be heard much easier and by many more people.

(5) The exhibit of poultry in '94 was so very large that not half the exhibitors could be accommodated. This year the old dining hall has been removed and fitted up with coops. A special superintendent for poultry.

(6) F. P. Bennett of the Fair Ground farm will serve dinner during Fair. Hay and grain for horses.

(7) The Harford Fair is the people's Fair, and all money goes back to the people in premiums, and improvements on the grounds.

Awards: H. W. Booth, twice in Grade Devons; J. M. Alworth, twice in Grade Jerseys; B. Sweetser, once; F. L. Hine, once; Harley Tingley, twice in Grade Holsteins; F. P. Bennett, once; Loderick Bailey, oxen; Mrs. Flora Sweet, three times in poultry; E. W. Brundage, three times; R. W. Gellatt, once; E. A. Smith, twice; C. L. Tyler, spring wheat; W. Jeffers, W. L. Thacher, fall apples; E. Lee Whitney, collection of vegetables; F. M. Williams, three times in vegetables; Mrs. E. M. Tingley, butter; Mrs. Emma Titus, Mrs. W. L. Thacher, print butter; Mrs. A. H. Rynearson, wheat bread; Effie Tingley, Graham bread; Mrs. F. F. Moss, raised biscuit; E. K. Davall, honey; Mrs. G. A. Stearns, four times, canned fruit; Mrs. W. S. Sophia, once; Mrs. R. Reynolds, five times; Mrs. P. E.

Harding, wool socks; Susan Harding, mittens; Mrs. J. D. Mack. Mrs. W. A. Payne, rag carpet; Rebecca Slaymaker, eight times in needle-work; Alma Goodrich, tidy; Electa Potter, banner; Mrs. E. W. Watson, head rest; Mrs. W. L. Sterling, knit shawl; Miss Blanche Tingley, pastel painting; Eva J. Lee, hand-painted glass. School Exhibit: Jos. Matthews, maps; Nina Dix, copy book. Graded: Faith McCain, map; Edith McConnell, penmanship, under 16; Edna Payne, business letter. Teachers: B. W. Pease, questions. Graded: G. A. Stearns, questions.

Plowing: Theron Shay, A. H. Ryneanson, Geo. Chamberlin, Marvin Perrigo, R. M. Tingley, Elmer Dewitt.

*Ind. Republican*, September 27: "The Harford Fair was a success; it could not be otherwise. While the unsettled weather may have deterred some from attending, it was not noticeable on the grounds. Team after team on Thursday began to pour masses of people into the Fair area, and hand shakings were enjoyed among those who find this annual event to be an opportunity of meeting friends and acquaintances of days gone by.

"The exhibits were large in every branch. Vegetables fine, notwithstanding the drought. Display of apples not large, but specimens fine. We never saw finer potatoes.

"The success of the Fair was obtained through the untiring efforts of a most efficient corps of officers. Hon. L. W. Moore, President; W. B. Guile, Treasurer; E. E. Jones, Secretary; have performed their duties with the able assistance of the Executive Committee, and others, in a manner that sent the large gathering home well pleased.

"It was much to be regretted that the rain interfered with the annual address; however, at 3:30 Hon. G. A. Grow gave a most interesting speech, characterized by all the earnestness, force, vigor, for which he is so well known.

"Among the many people on the ground were Hon. E. B. Hardenbergh, Col. E. H. Ripple, Co. Supt. Gillet, Prof. C. E. Moxley. The press of the county was in attendance. Editors Pike, Cruser, Birchard, Vail, Howell, Taylor, Ainey."

*N. M. Advertiser*, October 5: "The Harford Fair was just as much a success as in former years. When satisfaction is

so generally expressed as it was this year, its success cannot be counted less.

"The merry-go-round cashed in \$300 for its managers we are told; while the stands were fortunate if the trial sheets balanced.

"The genial Frank Carpenter had charge of the dining hall, and in his efforts to feed the hungry multitude we are frank to say from our half hour's experience, that it could not have been in better hands. The food was well cooked, clean, well served, abundant. What more could one ask?

"The Orphan School children showed up in their usual fine form. The rain dampened things somewhat. The exhibit of fine horses was pleasing. This department one of the best of the Fair. The School Exhibit was in the old speaker's stand.

"Hon. G. A. Grow was listened to by a great crowd of people."

Says Susq. Ledger: "The annually recurring Fair of the Society is always looked forward to with pleasure by many people. This year's exhibition was fully up to the excellent standard attained in former years. The Harford Fair is universally conceded to be among the best purely agricultural exhibits held in the Keystone State.

"We would like to compliment our hustling and bustling sister town, Hallstead, upon the excellence of the Cornet Band. Mr. Geo. M. Lamb is the leader, and the twenty-six members discoursed up-to-date music liberal in quantity, fine in quality."

(1) The new dining hall erected during the past summer was destroyed by fire, Friday morn, September 20. A serious blow to the Society, coming as it did only a few days before the Fair. But the Executive Committee were made of stern stuff. Mechanics' Hall was made a dining room, for Frank Carpenter's nice dinners. The new building cost \$400 and is the first misfortune that has visited Harford Fair since its organization.

(2) The Band had new uniforms costing \$400.

(3) A. Lee Tiffany was a welcome helper, assistant in Secretary's staff, Thursday forenoon.

(4) Our diary reads: "Many on ground Wednesday

afternoon. Warm and pleasant. Sept. 26. Rained last evening and in night. Morning cloudy. On the ground at 7 A. M. James Adams my companion in entries. Warm and pleasant. At 2:30 rains for some time. Friday was cold and cloudy."

(6) Receipts at gates, \$1475. Total receipts, \$1700.

February 3, 1896. Annual meeting. Vice President, W. S. Sophia in the chair. Treasurer reported as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To balance on hand, Feb. 4, 1895.....	\$ 829.61	
To gate receipts.....	1472.80	
To sale of privileges and stands.....	202.25	
To receipts from baggage room.....	12.70	
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	\$2517.36	
By improvements .....		\$614.16
By expenses of Fair.....		393.49
By premiums paid.....		770.25
By logs purchased for dining hall.....		109.25
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		\$1887.15
Balance on hand, Feb. 3, 1896.....		\$630.21

Officers elected: President. J. M. Clark; Vice President, G. R. Resseguie; Secretary, E. E. Jones; Treasurer, W. B. Guile; Executive Committee (3 years), H. S. Estabrook; Auditors, E. J. Whitney, B. F. Hine.

Many matters pertaining to the management of the Fair were discussed, and many suggestions made to the Committee.

The next Fair will be held September 23 and 24, 1896.

The dining hall is to be rebuilt, \$104 having recently been paid for lumber. Balance in treasury, \$630. Many new plans discussed.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held Wednesday and Thursday, September 23 and 24, 1896.

Premiums offered \$1292.50. Judge on Standard Bred horses, Dr. W. J. Lowry, Carbondale. Expert judge on poultry, F. H. Parsons, Waverly, N. Y. Judge for grain, W. E. Warren, Harford. Guernseys are added to Full Bloods cattle. And three Full Bloods in swine.

Class IV. Poultry has 15 divisions: 1. *American*: Barred Plymouth Rocks, White Plymouth Rocks, Buff Plymouth Rocks, Silver Wyandottes, Golden Wyandottes, Buff Wyandottes, Black Wyandottes, American Dominiques, White Javas, Black Javas, Mottled Javas. 2. *Asiatic*: Light Brahmas, Dark Brahmas, Buff Cochins, Partridge Cochins, White Cochins, Black Cochins, Black Langshans, White Langshans. 3. *Mediterranean*: B. Leghorns, R. C. B. Leghorns, W. Leghorns, R. C. W. Leghorns, Black Leghorns, Buff Leghorns, Black Minorcas, W. Minorcas, Blue Andalusians, Black Spanish, Silver Duckwing Leghorn. 4. *Polish*: White Crested Black Polish, Golden Polish, Silver Polish, Bearded Golden Polish, Bearded Silver Polish, Buff Laced Polish. 5. *Hamburg*: Golden Spangled Hamburgs, S. S. Hamburgs, Golden Pencilled Hamburgs, Redcaps, Silver Pencilled Hamburgs, White Hamburgs, Black Hamburgs, Golden Campines, Silver Campines. 6. *French*: Houdans, Crevecoers. 7. *English*: White Dorkings, Colored Dorkings, Silver Gray Dorkings. 8. *Games*: B. B. Red, Golden Duckwing, Silver Duckwing, Red Pyle, Cornish, Indian, White Indian, Pit Games. 9. *Game Bantams*: B. B. Red, Golden Duckwing, Silver Duckwing, Red Pyle. 10. *Bantams* (other than game): Golden Seabright, White Rose Comb, Black Tailed Japanese, Silver Seabright, Black Rose Comb, Buff Cochin, Partridge Cochin, White Cochin, Black Cochin. 11. *Turkeys*: Bronze, Buff, State, White, Black. 12. *Ducks*: Pekin, Cayuga, Rouen, Aylesbury, Colored Muscovy, White Muscovy. *Geese*: Toulouse, Embden, African, Brown Chinese, White Chinese. 14. *Ornamental birds*: Silver Pheasant, Golden Pheasant, English Pheasant. 15. *Pets*: Ferrets, Pigeons, lop-eared Rabbits, Angora Rabbits, Himalayan Rabbits, Belgian Hares, Coon, Squirrels, Parrot, Canary Bird.

General Superintendent, A. H. Harding. Assistant, A. C.



Salisbury. Of horses, T. M. Tingley. Cattle, W. E. Osmun. Assistant, C. G. Rhodes. Sheep and swine, G. W. Osmun. Poultry, C. H. Stearns. Vegetable Hall, Edgar Van Loan. Assistant, F. L. Hine. Mechanics' Hall, H. W. Booth. Floral Hall, G. A. Stearns. Assistants, W. J. Lamb, Miss Mary Quinlan, Miss Alice Barnard. School Exhibit: John Palmer. Assistant, Ella Fuller.

Chief of Police, A. D. Darrow.

Regulations: Plowing match on Fair Ground farm, Wednesday.

Secretary will mail all former exhibitors whose addresses are known, a premium list and blank for entries, to be returned to him before first day of Fair. Cards will be ready on call, Thursday morn.

No names or any distinctive marks will be allowed on any exhibit.

Racks have been provided for checking bicycles. Trusty, careful men in charge.

J. M. CLARK, President.  
E. E. JONES, Secretary.

F. A. OSBORN,  
F. P. TINGLEY,  
H. S. ESTABROOK.

(1) No premium lists in newspapers this year. Secretary Jones sent out 1200 pamphlet premium lists to exhibitors of previous years.

(2) Poster for '96. Crowded buildings. A strong young man leading two giant horses on the run. Announcements: Beautiful grounds. Music by Orphan School Band, under the direction of Prof. Bauer, Scranton. Reunion of friends and relatives. Address by Prof. C. H. Horton, principal New Milford Graded School. Excursion tickets on D., L. & W. Plowing Match. Fancy Trick Bicycle Rider.

(3) Montrose Fair, September 29 and 30. Fiftieth Annual Fair. Golden Wedding anniversary. Gold piece, \$5, to aged couples who have celebrated their golden wedding. A pretty souvenir of the occasion to every person entering the grounds.

(4) The mammoth new dining hall was completed, and re-

ceiving coat of paint, September 12. Two hundred persons can be fed at one time in this building.

(5) No exhibitor's name will appear on exhibits, as each competitor will have a number to indicate his or her article. This numerical entry system was used at Montrose Fair, first time, 1895. (And is yet). The system seems to encourage exhibits.

(6) A new merry-go-round will be on the ground. Large and handsome.

(7) Prof. Bauer has been teacher of S. O. S. for two years.

(8) A new windmill has been erected over the well, and will be in use during Fair.

Awards: W. C. Cruser, gelding; Thos. Fuller, gelding; L. B. Miller, all Durhams; John Watkins, Jersey heifer; J. B. Raub, Grade Jersey calves; Squires, Mrs. Green, all Holderness and Grades; P. P. Squires, Guernsey bull; L. Tewksbury, five times, Holsteins; H. M. Seeley, three times, Grades, sheep; E. B. Goodrich, corn; E. M. Loomis, pop corn; Wilbur Richardson, fall apples; Knox Tingley, citron; Mrs. E. D. Snyder, jar butter; Mrs. B. F. Hine, print butter; Mrs. W. W. Wilmarth, wheat bread; Mrs. J. D. Mack, eight times, canned goods; Mrs. E. M. Tingley, three times; Bertha Whitlock, jelly; E. E. Jones, Syracuse, plows; Nellie Loomis, bedspread; Mrs. R. Mansen, wool yarn; Mrs. F. N. Tingley, quilt; Mrs. J. C. McConnell, quilt; Miss Clara Inderlied, tidy; Rose W. Risley, spread; Mrs. R. M. Tingley, slipper case; Mrs. Ida Tiffany, sofa pillow; Mrs. H. S. Smith, banner; Mrs. James Cameron, skirt; Mrs. F. T. Austin, embroidered blanket; Bertha Whitlock, eighteen times, needle-work; Mrs. H. S. Smith, oil painting; Mrs. W. L. Sterling, same; Ella Fuller, pastel painting; Mrs. Julia Eva, painting on silk; Mrs. M. L. McMillan, painting; Louise S  phia, water color; Mrs. H. J. Tiffany, floral design; Mary A. Claflin, shells; Lena Payne, picture frame; Mrs. R. I. Westcott, rope work; Kate Thacher, geological collection. School Exhibit: Hazel Brainerd, Knox Tingley, penmanship, under 10 years; Eva Tennant, Lida Carey, under 16; Ella Matthews, chart. Graded: Norma Darrow, Wilmer Tillinghast, James Gillespie, maps;

Faith McCain, drawing; Clara Stearns, Irene Eva, penmanship, under 10; Dena Wilcox, Edith McConnell, under 16; Rienzi Streeter, social letter; Lottie Byram, chart. Teachers: Mrs. W. S. Miller, program; Frances Gillespie, questions. Graded: H. N. Barrett, Frances Gillespie, programs.

Plowing: A. H. Harding, G. E. Chamberlin, A. H. Ryneason, C. E. Shay, A. P. Tingley; sulky plowing, J. Lord Williams.

*Ind. Republican*, October 2: "The clear sunshine of Wednesday did not warm up the air, and the north wind was cold. But Thursday brought a warm, mellow day; clear, save two hours in the morning.

"The thirty-ninth Fair was as usual, an entire success. The exhibits in Floral Hall equal to the past. Mechanics' Hall somewhat below; a very full school exhibit, prominent in specimens of writing. Agricultural Hall was fully up in grain and vegetables. Display in apples much below the usual. Butter and bread, canned goods, honey, sugar, very abundant.

"Poultry had but half the coops filled. We did not have time for cattle and horses. Probably under former years.

"The S. O. S. boys in soldier uniform and muskets attracted much notice; while their Band gave good music; Auld Lang Syne and Home, Sweet Home thrown in.

"Prof. C. H. Horton gave an address closely listened to by a large audience and often applauded. Vice President Resseguie invited the farmers to attend Club meetings.

"Secretary E. E. Jones and his assistants were kept very busy; and the judges had more than enough to do. The large new dining hall was presided over by Frank Carpenter; abundance of all things for hungry people. Friends met friends in social converse, and gold and silver, political issues, came in for a share of discussion.

"And so another Fair passes into the history of Harford. Managed by an energetic board of officers and Executive Committee who do not believe in introducing anything that will lower the Fair in the estimation of upright citizens. Receipts at gate about \$1100. W. L. T."

N. M. *Advertiser*, October 3: "The history of the Har-

ford Fair is a repetition of successes, and the secret of the wonderful prosperity is largely conservative management. Its premiums are always liberal, its management is never questioned, and the honesty of its officers is never protested. With all these elements in accord, aided by the good fortune of fair weather, surely, what else could we expect.

"The display of stock was good, the product of mechanical skill had its place, and in the woman's department an admirer of the beautiful in art would have been cold at heart, indeed, could he not have found much to praise.

"Among the prominent Susquehanna Co. people, we noticed as interested spectators: Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Wright, and Editors Birchard and Resseguie, of the *Transcript*, Susquehanna; Editor Crusier of the Montrose *Democrat*, candidate for Congress; S. S. Wright, candidate for Register and Recorder; Ward Deuel, the popular candidate for sheriff; James S. Adams, Brooklyn, one of the gentlemen who will represent us at the next Legislature.

"Every one had a good word to say for the Orphan School Band. They performed very nicely, and their excellent music would have done credit to older and more experienced musicians."

Similar to the pleasant notices from our county papers, is the following:

Prof. William S. Tyler, Amherst College, Mass.—"Harford is a small farming town with a population of only 1500, without manufactures or commerce; with a hilly and rocky surface, a hard and stony soil, a grazing country well stocked with fine herds of cattle, producing the best butter for the city markets, and raising choice fruits in abundance; but yielding crops of corn only in reluctant obedience to the toil and sweat and skill and handiwork of the husbandman; sown with beautiful lakes and running brooks; but, like Attica, priding itself chiefly on raising men.

"And when I say this, I refer not to the few who leave the farm and seek a college education and adorn public life, but to the farming population. I have been in the habit for several years of reading in the *Independent Republican* full reports of

the Farmers' Club in Harford, and I have been surprised and delighted to see the intelligence and ability manifested in their discussions, their knowledge of their business, both that gained from their own experience and observation, and that derived from books, and their eagerness to know more. There is no such other club in Susquehanna Co. Indeed, I do not know of any other Farmers' Club anywhere, even in old Massachusetts, that would compare with this Harford club. It is a model club; and if every farming town in the country had such a club, there would be more intelligence, prosperity, happiness in our farming communities, and much less discontent, complaint, envy, jealousy, among our agricultural population.

"And if you want to see a model agricultural fair, visit Harford on one of these autumnal festivals, when all the farmers, and nearly all the people of the town, and great numbers from all the neighboring towns, gather in a beautiful grove which commands a magnificent prospect of all the surrounding country, to exhibit the fruits of their industry and skill, the products of their farms and farmhouses, the dairies and the cows that produce them, their cattle, sheep, horses. You will see no horse racing. You will find no booths for the sale of intoxicating drinks. No gambling or betting. It is a genuine agricultural fair, a real farmer's festival. An exhibit of flowers, fruits, all things beautiful and good that spring out of the earth or that the hand of man or woman can produce. Music and eloquence add their charms. Addresses by men of learning, science, art, form a part of the program. Boys and girls, young men and maidens, play games—not games of chance—but games of skill and sports of various kinds on the grass and under the shade of the trees. One day is not enough for so large and varied a program. Two days are devoted to the business and pleasures of the occasion, and they go away feeling that they have had an ideal festival; a feast of reason as well as of the senses; a feast for the eye and ear, the mind and heart; a school in which they have learned much that is good, with little or nothing that is evil."

(1) There were thirty-seven couple at the Montrose Fair who had celebrated their golden wedding.

(2) From our diary: "Sept. 23. Assist, Secretary Jones

in afternoon. Clear, but cold. Wind, north. Sept. 24. At 4 A. M. stars. Clouds up at 8:30. Clears off 9:30. Clear sunshine all day. Warm and mellow. Secretary for Mr. Parsons in the poultry in afternoon. Enjoy many friends."

February 1, 1897. Annual meeting. Treasurer reported as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To balance on hand, Feb. 3, 1896.....	\$630.21	
To gate receipts . . . . .	1,189.25	
To sale of privileges and stands . . . . .	209.95	
To receipts from baggage-room.....	17.55	
To donations on dining hall.....	26.25	
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	\$2,073.21	
By improvements on grounds . . . . .		\$828.82
By expenses of Fair . . . . .		420.48
By premiums paid . . . . .		738.25
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		\$1,987.55
Balance on hand, Feb. 1, 1897.....		\$85.66

The burning of the dining hall a year ago means a loss of \$800. Over \$1,600 has been expended in two years in improvements to buildings and grounds. All money is used in paying premiums and improvements. The Society is not a stock company.

Officers elected: President, G. R. Resseguie; Vice President, J. E. Matthews; Secretary, E. E. Jones; Treasurer, E. M. Watson; Executive Committee, 3 years, B. F. Hine; Auditors, W. S. Sophia, H. H. Hooven.

After some discussion on the system of entering exhibits by numbers, as at the last Fair, it was

Resolved, That we return to the former system of entering exhibits with the name of exhibitor. Also, that the Executive Committee publish in the premium list the requirements and specifications for the plowing match so all competitors may know how they are expected to plow.

Words of encouragement were freely given by those pres-

ent. The weak spots were plainly pointed out, with determination to correct them. The last Fair was a great success, considering the hard times, the gate receipts showing only a small loss. The Fair is the People's Fair, and everything must be done according to their will. Next Fair to be held Sept. 29 and 30, 1897.

It will be seen that the people voted against the numerical system in labeling exhibits. The reasons against it, briefly, are: (1) Much more labor for the Secretary and his assistants. (2) The dislike of the judges who were not familiar with it. (3) The loss of individuality in an exhibit. (4) The thousands of the crowd recognize *names* and are interested in the article in consequence. (5) The name advertises the goods. The pails and jars of butter, card with name attached, show the expert butter makers of the county.

The mind of the people was, "Trust the judges to be fair in their decisions." Says E. E. Jones: "The cases are rare where I suspected partiality, favoritism, or prejudice in the awards of the judges."

The fortieth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 29 and 30, 1897.

Premiums offered, \$1,309.25. Judge on Standard Bred horses, S. S. Wright, Montrose. F. L. Rogers, Whitney's Point, expert judge on poultry. Hon. C. A. Hungerford, Springville, Mrs. George Bowell, Mrs. Charles Leonard, judges on domestics. R. B. Little, Esq., Montrose, Mrs. J. E. Matthews, Mrs. Henry Manzer, on paintings. E. J. Tyler, O. Grinnell, E. C. Peck, on plowing. Rev. E. K. Thomas, Montrose; Mrs. Eva L. Tingley, Mrs. W. B. Roe, on School Exhibit.

In Class X. the largest and best exhibit of agricultural implements is offered, \$10.

There are 38 different articles named in Class XIV. Paintings, Flowers, etc.

Special premiums are again offered by two companies.

General Superintendent, A. H. Harding. Assistant. A. C.



*E. M. Watson.*



*B. F. Hine*

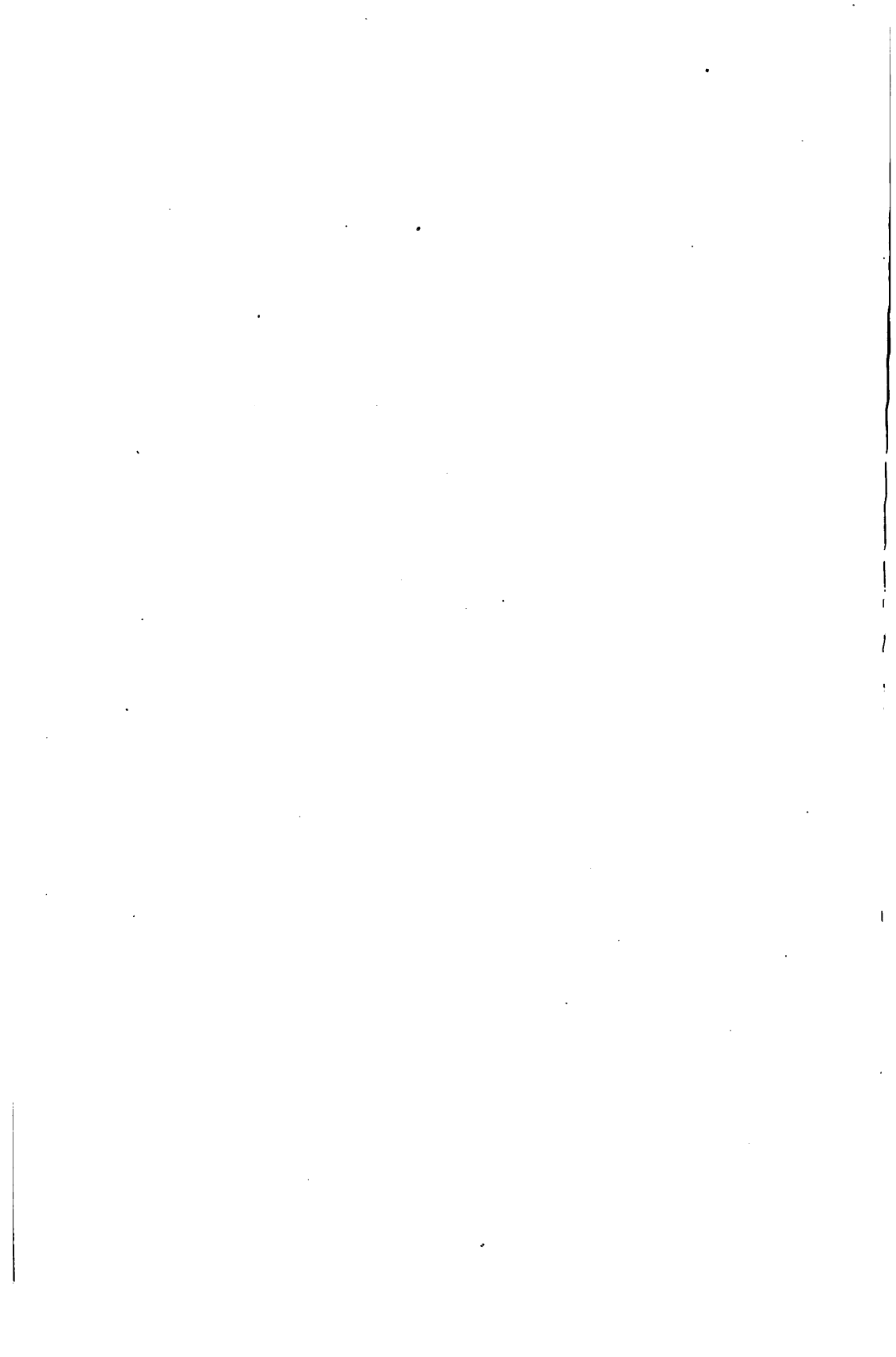


*E. J. Whitney.*



*Geo. A. Stearns.*





Salisbury. Of Horses, T. M. Tingley. Cattle, W. E. Os-  
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Loan. Assistant, F. L. Hine. Mechanics' Hall, James Cam-  
eron. Floral Hall, G. A. Stearns. Assistant, W. B. Ham-  
mond, Mrs. G. A. Stearns, Mrs. John Dixon. School Exhibit,  
Naaman Wilmarth. Assistant, Miss Ella Fuller.

Chief of Police, A. D. Darrow.

Regulations: Plowing Match on Fair Ground farm, Wed-  
nesday.

Premium lists in pamphlet to all former exhibitors, whose  
addresses are known.

A herd must contain one bull, two cows, one heifer 2 years  
old, yearling heifer, and heifer calf.

In plowing, the furrows must be lap furrows, not less than  
six inches deep and ten inches wide.

F. P. TINGLEY,  
H. S. ESTABROOK,  
B. F. HINE.

HON. G. R. RESSEGUIE, President.

E. E. JONES, Secretary.

(1) The ladies of the Congregational Church will furnish  
dinner for 25 cents in the new dining hall.

(2) Premium list extended and enlarged.

(3) Exhibits will be entered with name on the card. In  
this way it will interest everyone to see who owns and ex-  
hibits nice articles. It also advertises the exhibitor. Special  
care has been taken in the choice of judges. It will be seen  
by the list of the fifty or more, that only people of the strictest  
integrity and honor have been appointed.

(4) Poster for 1897: Fair ground; full buildings. Horses  
and buggies. Cattle and horses led by men. Fine cows and  
sheep. Farmer and wife driving in with load of large, fine  
vegetables. Judges making notes. Huge deposits of grapes,  
watermelons, tomatoes, celery, etc.

Announcements: Music by the famous Bauer's Band, Scrant-  
on. Address by A. H. McCollum, Esq., Montrose. Liberal  
premiums. Half fares on D., L. & W. Hacks meet all trains.

Awards: F. I. Lott, stallion, Standard Bred; Tiffany & Cramer, draft horses; A. K. Gere, I. C. Hill, yearling colt; T. D. McConnell, Grade Durham bull; E. L. Ellsworth, Grade Devon bull; B. Sweetser, Jersey bull; G. W. Lindsey, heifer; Samuel Shook, nearly all the Holsteins; Silas T. Howell, pair steers; Lew. Wilmarth, middle wool ewe; E. F. Tiffany & Co., twenty times in poultry; E. A. Smith, three times in Leghorns; W. J. Lamb, Minorcas; Mrs. F. A. Osborn, Red Caps; A. M. Leslie, African Geese; D. P. Little, sunflowers; E. B. Smith, plums and grapes; J. Wallace Tiffany, collection fruit; Winfield Van Buskirk, muskmelons; Lynn Forsyth, potatoes; Hattie Gere, jar butter; Mrs. E. D. Snyder, print butter; Mrs. S. Hatch, graham bread; Mrs. H. D. Tingley, maple syrup; Mrs. Nell Empet, pickled peaches; Mrs. John Dixon, pickled cucumbers, Mrs. A. E. Stearns, jelly; Mrs. W. L. Sterling, eleven times, jelly and jam; J. H. Pritchard, largest and best exhibit, agricultural implements; W. H. Shannon, lumber wagon; C. H. Van Gorder, buggy; J. E. O'Brien, chairs; Mrs. R. Reynolds, rag carpet; Clara Titus, silk quilt; Mrs. H. M. Resseguie, quilt; Mrs. S. Hatch, crazy quilt; Mrs. T. G. Gillespie, Miss Clara Lindsey, Miss Julie Cruser, lace; Mrs. L. L. Deming, needle-book; Lou. Rogers, Mrs. F. T. Austin, afghan; Mrs. D. Davenport, cape; Mrs. E. M. Loomis, piano cover; Emma Adams, rug; Anna Adams, slippers; Bertha Whitlock, cushion; Minnie Stearns, two paintings; Mrs. E. M. Loomis, one; Faith McCain, three; Miss Ella Fuller, pastel; Mame Michael, drawing; Mrs. H. M. Lindsey, potted plants; Mrs. W. L. Cox, pencilling; R. J. Slaymaker, rope work. School Exhibit: Ethel Matthews, Faith McCain, maps; Theda Darrow, penmanship, under 10 years; Stevie Barnard, under 16; Nina Dix, business letter. Graded: Lottie Byram, Ethel Tiffany, maps; Reba Wilmarth, Carl Tompkins, drawing; Carrie Van Buskirk, Leon Miller, penmanship under 10; Madge Lupton, under 16; Ethel Estabrook, business letter; Mabel Sherwood, chart; Edith McConnell, copy book. Teachers: J. M. Mosher, recitations; Anna Quinlan, questions. Graded: H. N. Barrett, three times; E. A. Benson, twice.

Plowing: Marvin Perrigo, Theron Shay, A. H. Harding,

A. H. Rynearson, G. E. Chamberlin. Sulky, L. E. Wilmarth, J. L. Williams.

*Ind. Republican*, Oct. 1: "There is one day in all the year when all roads lead to Harford, and yesterday was that day. Of course the exhibition was a splendid success in every way, for the good people of Harford are always successful. As to the weather, the day was a perfect and magnificent specimen of the Harford Fair variety; as to the attendance, while it was up to Harford's average, it ought to have been several thousand more; as to the exhibits, they were, with perhaps the one exception of cattle, fully up to the standard both as to quantity and quality; with the cattle the quality was there, but not the quantity.

"The special attractions arranged for by the Fair management formed an entertainment of exceptional merit, which was fully appreciated by the assembled multitude. These features were the address of A. H. McCollum, Esq.; the superb music furnished throughout the day by Bauer's celebrated band; and the thrilling exploits of Ray Burton upon a slack wire, suspended in midair.

"The address was masterly in conception and eloquent in delivery. He took for a text "Combination," and graphically described various kinds of combines, telling of some he favored and many to which he was opposed. He pointed out to the farmers that in union is strength, and that they should combine to raise the price of their products, and demand and secure the equalization of taxation. He was listened to with marked attention, and his many strong points were vigorously applauded.

"The management of the Fair are entitled to hearty praise for the manner in which their exhibition was conducted, and the good order which prevailed, and are to be congratulated upon the unqualified success of the Fair.

"Gate receipts, \$1300; privileges, \$250; total, \$1550."

*Advertiser*, Oct. 9: "The usual luck of the Society stood loyally by them last week and gave them again a perfect day, a large crowd, a fine display in every department.

"The exhibition of horses was large. In stock, plenty of fine graded breeds, but not so creditable an exhibit of full bloods as usual. The display of agricultural implements gave one ample opportunity to admire the ingenuity that has been developed by man in the formation of machinery to lighten and make more agreeable the labor of the soil tiller. Vegetable Hall and Floral were splendid. The amusement program was altogether wholesome and enjoyable."

*Susquehanna Transcript*: "The Harford Fair is always a success. Yes, we went, as did everybody else from Susquehanna and within a radius of 25 miles from Harford, and saw face to face and exchanged the hearty handshakes with uncles, aunts, cousins, friends and all; yet never satisfied, but on the lookout for somebody else! Oh, this annual Mecca! what a visit it brings to us from friends on foot, by wheel, carriage and carryall, with the added sights and scenes thrown in. So many from Susquehanna present that we cannot take time to name them."

Our diary: "Wednesday a beautiful day. Help Secretary Jones all afternoon. At 9 P. M. stars and milky way. Thursday, 4:30 A. M., stars thick. Ready for work at Secretary's office, 7:45. We were hard pressed till 11:15. Enjoyed Mr. McCollum. Beautiful day. Quite warm. Sunshine asleep on the hills. Smoky. Glorious sunset."

Feb. 7, 1898. Annual meeting. President G. R. Resseguie in the chair. Treasurer reported as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To balance in treasury, Feb. 1, 1897....	\$85.66	
To receipts from sale of privileges, stands	203.55	
To gate receipts . . . . .	1,279.65	
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	\$1,568.86	
By improvements . . . . .		\$92.25
By expense of Fair . . . . .		481.91
By premiums paid . . . . .		768.65
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		\$1,342.81
Balance on hand, Feb. 7, 1898. ....		226.05

Officers elected: President, Hon. G. R. Resseguie; Vice President, W. S. Sophtia; Secretary, E. E. Jones; Treasurer, E. M. Watson; Executive Committee, 3 years, F. A. Osborn; Auditors, E. T. Tiffany, H. H. Hooven.

G. R. Resseguie offered the following resolutions:

We, the members of Harford Agricultural Society do frame resolutions expressive of the feelings of condolence and sympathy of this Society toward the family of their deceased father, Mr. David L. Hine, and beg leave to offer the following:

Whereas, it has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to take from this Society one of its founders and lifelong workers, David L. Hine, of Harford.

Be it resolved, That it is with feelings of the deepest regret that we at the first regular meeting have to record the death of our aged and honored member, David L. Hine, of this Society, a member who worked hard and long to make the Society a success.

Resolved, That in his death the Society has lost a faithful officer, Harford, a respected citizen, and his family a devoted father.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to place these resolutions on the records of this Society.

Suggestions were offered by several for the improvement of the Fair.

Moved by Austin Darrow: That the first and second premiums be designated by colored ribbons or cards. Carried. Forty-first Fair to be Sept. 28, and 29, 1898.

The Forty-first Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 28 and 29, 1898.

Premiums offered, \$1,393.25. Judge on Standard Bred horses, Col. C. C. Pratt. On grain, Sherman Griffing, Heart Lake. Plowing, Watson Jeffers, Charles Felton, F. P. Tingley. School Exhibit, Prof. C. E. Moxley, Mrs. U. B. Gillet.

In swine there are Berkshires, Chester White, Poland China, Cheshire.

Special Premiums: The Fair Association offer three premiums, \$25, \$15, \$10, to the three Granges of Susquehanna County making the three best displays of the products of the farm and home. The Pratt Food Co. offer special premiums.

General Superintendent, A. H. Harding. Assistant, H. W. Booth. Of horses, T. M. Tingley. Cattle, W. E. Osmun. Assistant, C. G. Rhodes. Sheep and swine, G. W. Osmun. Poultry, C. H. Stearns. Vegetable Hall, Edgar Van Loan. Assistant, Hiland Estabrook. Mechanics' Hall, ————. Floral Hall, G. A. Stearns. Assistants, W. B. Hammond, Mrs. G. A. Stearns, Miss Minnie Darrow. School Exhibit, Naaman Wilmarth. Assistant, Hattie Caswell.

Chief of Police, Hollis Bailey.

Regulations: Plowing match on Fair Ground farm, Wednesday. Twenty rules are given, as usual, for guidance of exhibitors and judges.

H. S. ESTABROOK,  
B. F. HINE,  
F. A. OSBORN.

HON. G. E. RESSEGUIE, President.

E. E. JONES, Secretary.

(1) New hitching poles, ticket office, and other improvements have been placed on the grounds.

(2) The Grange exhibit (Sept. 17) bids fair to be large and of much interest. A large tent has been secured for the display.

(3) Poster. Buildings. Horses and cattle led by men and boys. Cages of poultry, turkeys, pets. Earnest sightseers. Clusters of grain, corn, etc.

Announcements: World's Renowned Welsh Singers, from Wyoming Valley. Music by the Harford Cornet Band.

(4) The grounds are the most beautiful and convenient for a Fair of any in the State. Scenery grand, air refreshing, everything clean, high grade, and elevating.

(5) Sept. 24. More entries at this date than in any previous year.

(6) A chorus of 50 of the best Welsh singers from the Wy-

oming Valley has been secured as one of the greatest attractions the Fair has ever offered. These are the celebrated singers who won the prize at the World's Fair at Chicago in competition with clubs from different parts of the United States and Europe. It was a great day for Northeastern Pennsylvania when a club from Scranton and Wilkes-Barre and vicinity won the prize.

This is undertaken at great expense to the Society and surely no one within 25 miles would think of missing this musical treat. The Executive Committee has full confidence that the people will appreciate the character of this entertainment and support them loyally as they always have done. The Fair has aimed for 41 years to elevate and better the condition of all within its influence. Good music is a prominent factor in cultivating the man or the woman, and this especially helping home life.

Awards: A. W. Kent, single driving horse; W. E. Jones, road colt; C. L. Tyler, Grade Durham calf; W. L. Savige, Grade Devon cow; J. Watkins & Sons, three times, Jerseys; N. H. Wilmarth, Grade Jersey Calf; D. L. Stevens, all the Guernseys; S. A. Shook, nine times, Holsteins; Ray Bolles, Grade Holstein heifer; S. D. Allen, yearlings; W. C. Rockwell, Silas Howell, oxen; John Hardy, Grade sheep; Orlin Capron, merino lambs; T. P. Bennett, W. A. Brown, swine; D. M. Farrar, Leghorns; E. W. Brundage, Cornish Games; F. L. Lindsey, black turkeys; E. A. Smith, Tracy Richardson, beans; Birtch, corn; F. W. Sheldon, E. J. Tyler, buckwheat; G. R. Resseguie, apples; E. A. Smith, peaches; W. S. Sophia, five times, vegetables; E. B. Smith, grapes; F. W. Sheldon (20 varieties), grapes; W. C. Tanner, E. T. Senior, rutabagas; Elmer D. Tiffany, citron; Mrs. A. M. Hawley, jar butter, dairy; Mrs. Frank Forsyth, second; E. D. Benson, print butter, dairy; Mrs. C. P. Chamberlin, wheat bread; Mate Spencer, loaf cake; Mrs. George Van Loan, Indian bread; Mrs. E. D. Snyder, five times, canned goods; Mrs. Manning Forse, Mrs. R. Reynolds, canned pears; Mrs. G. F. Decker, jelly; H. D. Pickering, three times, harness; J. S. Wright, potato digger; Mrs. E. C. Peck, flannel; Mrs. Lucinda Potter,



Mrs. S. Hatch, striped mittens; Mrs. Robert Manson, yarn; Mrs. J. Slaymaker, patching; Ladies' Aid of Gibson, worsted quilt; Mrs. C. M. Brewster, bedspread; Mrs. S. Hatch, seven times, needlework; Nettie E. Roe, handkerchief; Hattie Alworth, lace; Jennie Leslie, table spread; Mrs. Fred Brainerd, head rest; Mrs. S. E. Lowry, lamp mat; Mrs. J. W. Bolles, exhibit of embroidery; Bertha Whitlock, nine times, needlework; Mrs. E. M. Tiffany, painting, twice; Ruth Ransom, plaque; Mrs. D. K. Oakley, plates; Blanche Tingley, three times, painting; Louise Sophia, three times, painting; Mrs. E. W. Watson, variety of flowers; Mrs. Ida Tiffany, jewel box; Mrs. W. L. Cox, carving. School Exhibit: Mabel Whitney, maps; Hazel Brainerd, penmanship under 10 years; Ethel Hartley, under 16; Minnie Olin, business letter; Lulu Tiffany, copybook. Graded, Lottie Byram, Dan Farley, Ethel Tiffany, Tabor Capron, maps; Ruth Van Woert, Clara Watson, penmanship under 10; Edith McConnell, Susie Osmun, under 16; Norma Darrow, Jennie Chamberlin, social letter; Anna Gillespie, business letter; Mabel Sherwood, Velma Little, chart. Teachers: H. A. Andrews, program; Anna Quinlan, report book; Lillian Byram, drawing. Graded: N. H. Wilmarth, chart; G. A. Stearns, questions.

Plowing: A. H. Rynearson, C. E. Shay, A. H. Harding, G. C. Forsyth, C. M. Tiffany.

Best Grange Exhibit: New Milford, No. 289, \$25. Second: Friendship, No. 1018, \$15. Third: Thompson, No. 868, \$10.

*Ind. Republican*, Sept. 30, 1898: "Fortune smiled upon the Harford Fair people yesterday. The weather was perfect, resulting in an immense attendance. The exhibits in most departments are larger and better than usual, the display of vegetables being especially fine. The singing of the famous Welsh choir was marvelous in sweetness and matchless in harmony, and delighted all who were able to hear them. Everyone is enthusiastic in their praise of the Fair. And the managers are again to be congratulated.

"The gate receipts were about \$1600."

*Advertiser*, Oct. 8: "If the person who not long ago, said

that county fairs were on the decline had attended Harford Fair his mind would change. The Fair last week was perhaps the biggest and best the Society has ever held.

"The Grange competition was an attractive feature. As a starting point it was all that could be expected, and indeed the Granges participating are entitled to rounding measures of credit.

"The chief cause for so large an attendance was the beautiful weather and that happy scheme of securing the band of Welsh singers. The Harford Cornet Band furnished music. Seventeen members, Dr. H. H. Hooven, leader. This band was organized only fifteen months ago. Very creditable.

"Instrumentation: F. L. Hine, Bb clarinet; H. H. Hooven, Eb cornet; L. E. Wilmarth and H. D. Tingley, solo Bb cornets; A. R. Grant and C. F. Hull, 1st Bb cornets; M. F. Tingley, 2nd Bb cornet; C. J. Tiffany, E. E. Lewis, and A. D. Darrow, altos; E. D. Smith, and O. F. Maynard, tenors; E. W. Osmun, baritone; U. B. Lott, Bb bass; F. D. Wilmarth and W. W. Oakley, Eb basses; F. E. Carpenter, snare drum; A. C. Salisbury, bass drum.

"The gate receipts were \$1,659.10, the privileges, \$225, making a total of \$1,884.10.

"The Society is not a stock concern and no one draws a cent except for labor performed."

Our diary: "Sept. 28. Take potatoes, corn, other exhibits to Fair. Help Secretary Jones from 2 P. M. to 5 P. M. Quite a rush in entries. Said Mrs. Hatch: 'What beautiful scenery and grounds.' Nice afternoon."

"Sept. 29, 4 A. M., 48 degrees. At work on ground 7:30, with Secretary Jones till noon. Heavy rush of work. Beautiful weather. Receipts reach high water mark, very nearly. Too much noise to enjoy the singers. Harford Cornet Band play well."

In December of this year the Farmers' Club that had maintained an organization of eight years, adjourned, finally. Sessions had been poorly attended. The interest had waned. There were other reasons. But the faithful ones deeply re-

gretted the step. The pillars in this club for all its life were the upholders and workers of the Fair.

A Farmers' Club, maintained by promoters of the Agricultural Society, existed for a short time. (See Chap. II.)

In February, 1882, a Club was organized. Watson Jeffers, President; D. P. Brewster, Secretary. To encourage attendance, the Club divided the boys of the township into two classes, and offered two prizes to each class for best rendered declamation; \$3 and \$2, respectively. In January and February, 1883, the Club was alive. Arthur J. Wilson, son of Melissa Guile Wilson, was secretary. The writer possessed one of his reports. No further record.

*Ind. Republican*, Feb. 16, 1891: "The farmers of Harford propose holding a town institute for their own advantage, Tuesday evening, Feb. 17, Graded School building. Subject: 'How To Make Farming Pay.' Come in, tillers of the soil! There's gain in interchanging opinions. We have many men with sound ideas. Let us hear their advice and follow it."

The meeting was a success. Watson Jeffers, President; W. L. Thatcher, secretary. No record.

Feb. 24. Twenty were present, some from long distances. Subject: "How to Handle Manure." Reported in *Ind. Republican*. Mr. Jeffers, with long years of experience, and great judgment, was a power in the Club.

Mar. 3. "How to Make Farming Pay." Thirty-five present. Mar. 17. "What breed of cattle is most profitable to this section?" Great enthusiasm. Mar. 31. "Potatoes." A dozen men came in a snowstorm.

Jan. 2, 1892. Nine men came in a storm. L. W. Moore, chairman for the season. Subject: "How have I been benefited by last winter's meetings?" Jan. 11. Thirty-eight present. "Sell milk, make butter, sell cream. which?" The fifteen speakers owned 217 cows. Jan. 25. Thirty present. "Different methods of feeding cows." Feb. 8. "How to make farming pay." W. S. Sophia's discussion in this, and all sessions, proved him a man of much observation and deep judgment. A successful man in farming. Feb. 22. "How I raise and cultivate potatoes." Twenty-five present. Mar. 7. "How to destroy troublesome and noxious weeds." Mar. 21.

"Fruit culture for profit." Nearly thirty present. Mr. Resseguie's thorough acquaintance with fruits gave the Club a half column of excellent information and advice. He was a strong man in our Club, all through. April 5. "The best or most profitable breeds of cattle for us." Twenty present. A debate. Williston Chamberlain, Gibson was made judge. His decision: "The Jersey men have given the most figures to prove their position and have the best of the argument."

Oct. 3, 1892. L. W. Moore, chairman. Subject: "Township Government." Oct. 17. Continued. Nov. 14. "Poultry raising for profit." Nov. 28. "When shall cows be fresh in milk?" Dec. 12. Continued. Dec. 27. "Is a co-operative creamery beneficial to farmers?" Jan. 16, 1893. Mercury 21 below zero, 7 P. M. Ten present. Institute plans. Jan. 30. "How shall we improve our grass lands?" Feb. 16 and 17. General Farmers' Institute. Sec. Edge, State Agricultural Department, was present. Dr. Brundage gave a lecture. Capt. Sweet spoke on fertilizers; Resseguie, valuable paper on apples; Sophia, excellent paper, "How to make farming pay." House crowded both days. Feb. 27. "What fertilizers shall we use the coming season?" Farmers from Gibson, Lenox, New Milford, came into our session. Audience, 56. Mar. 6. "Fertilizers." Three cars ordered. Mar. 13. "Corn culture." Mar. 27. Car of feed ordered. "The boys and farming." April 3. "Analysis of the soil." Attendance large. Dr. Brundage the principal speaker.

Oct. 2, 1893. L. W. Moore, chairman. Subject: "Silver." A panic in the country. Forty present. Oct. 16. "Benefits the farming community has received from the Fair." Forty in attendance. Nov. 23 and 24. General Farmers' Institute. Messrs. Sophia, Clark, Henry W. Jeffers gave excellent papers. Dec. 18. "Harford farmers should follow book farming." Jan. 8, 1894. "Experiments the past summer." Jan. 22. "Fertilizers." Mar. 5. Ordering same. Mar. 19. Same again. Mar. 26. Same. April 9 "Oleomargarine" Mr. Ransom was an able member. Remarks, advice, backed by hard work, and strong common sense.

Oct. 8, 1894. J. M. Clark, chairman. Mr. Moore had removed from Harford. We lost a valuable man. Able, observ-

ing, hustling, practical. Subject: "My personal experience on the farm in 1894." Oct. 22. Same. Thirty present. Nov. 12. "What grain shall we feed?" Institute plans. Nov. 26. "Co-operation among farmers." Dec. 10. "The Manure pile." Dec. 17 and 18. General Farmers' Institute. Very successful. Men from abroad. Jan. 7, 1895. "Manure Pile." Jan. 21. Subject to be chosen by each speaker. Feb. 18. "The unnecessary losses of the farm." Mar. 11. "Hired Help." Thirty present. Mar. 25, "What is the best crop?" Enjoyment in these sessions plainly manifest. April 8. "My farming for '95."

Oct. 7, 1895. J. M. Clark, chairman. "Experiences in '95." Nov. 11. "What shall we do to be saved from ruin?" Monopolies, taxes, tariff, decrease in farm values, came in. But Mr. Jeffers cheered us up. His past experiences. Hard years, low prices. But he conquered. Nov. 25. "Summer or winter dairy?" Dec. 9. Same. Dec. 23. "Poultry." The nineteen speakers had 2,123 hens. Thirty-five present. Jan. 6, 1896. Mercury at zero, but twenty-two present. Some came five miles. "Our roads." Jan. 20. "Diseases of animals." Forty-six. Feb. 10. "What unjust taxation does the farmer bear?" A serious resolution passed, revolutionary in feeling. Feb. 24. "Manure." March 9. Same. Fifty-two. Mar. 23. "Adulterated food products." Mar. 30. "The School tax." Present, 42. A vote of thanks to Chairman Clark for able and gentlemanly manner. Though he carried farming in larger use of capital, his ideas, advice, were always practical, very sound.

Oct. 5, 1896. Hon. George R. Resseguie, chairman. "The farm work of '96." Oct. 19. "To produce and market fruit at a profit." Nov. 2. "Marketing our produce." Twenty present. Nov. 16. "Co-operation among farmers." Depression of four years considered. Hon. Rienzi Streeter talked to us. Nov. 30. Same. Dec. 14. "Manure." Dec. 28. "The bright side of farming." Members, 22.

Here is a gem from Hon. G. A. Grow: "The more intellectual and educated a farmer is the more enjoyment he can take

while performing the mechanical labor of the farm. What is called drudgery is opportunity to digest great events and great thoughts."

Jan. 11, 1897. "The old-time hay crop." Members, 36.  
 Feb. 8. "The corn crop is worth more than the hay crop."  
 Mar. 8. "Cause of the present hard times." Present, 42.  
 Mar. 29. Last one of the season.

Oct. 4, 1897. Members, 25. Prof. George A. Stearns, chairman. Veterans and new members. "Fall plowing."  
 Oct. 18. Members, 32. "Care of Horses." Nov. 15. "The outlook for dairying." Nov. 29. "Success and failure in '97." Dec. 13. Members, 28. "What does success on the farm mean?" Dec. 27. "Are the public schools as good as thirty years ago?" Jan. 10, 1898. "Leaks on the farm."  
 Jan. 24. Members, 51. Ladies, 42. "Easier life for farmers' wives." Feb. 14. Members, 28. Ladies, 17. "The future of farming." Feb 28. "Do I exalt farming or run it down?" Mar. 14. "Postal Savings Banks." Mar. 28. "What new methods for '98?"

Oct. 3, 1898. Prof. Stearns, chairman. W. L. Thacher, secretary all the eight years. "What have we learned in 1897?" Oct. 17. "Topics from Agricultural Department reports." Nov. 7. Same. Dec. 12. Last session. "Care of milk before bringing to creamery."

Debts were paid and 89 volumes we had collected were handed to the Public Library. A sorrowful feeling over this, our last.

The sessions of all these years were reported for the *Independent Republican*. Later, for New Milford *Advertiser*. They were one, two, and sometimes three columns long.

Prof. Stearns was an able chairman. Many speakers in our Club were sound in their views and well taught by experience. We could wish all their words laid up here for the future.

May there a new generation arise who shall have the ambition, grit, energy, thinking, of the grand men who main-

tained this organization for eight years. May a day, come again, when a Farmers' Club shall flourish in glory.

The following list embraces the members. They were considered such if they took a part, more or less. And the line on voting was not drawn. Like the Harford Agricultural Society, all voters were voters here. Those not living are marked \*.

W. Seymour Sophia, George R. Resseguie, Watson Jeffers, Wallace L. Thacher, Calvin D. Ransom, Linus W. Moore\*, D. Chauncey Oakley\*, George A. Stearns, A. T. Brundage, M. D., Abel T. Sweet.

J. M. Clark\*, Coe H. Stearns, A. H. Rynearson\*, Moses J. Chamberlin\*, Frank Wilmarth\*, Edward J. Tyler, Frank P. Tingley, H. S. Estabrook, Walter W. Wilmarth, B. Frank Hine.

George L. Payne\*, Austin Darrow, E. Wilson Watson, Chester H. Chamberlin, Thomas M. Maynard, E. T. Senior, Henry W. Jeffries, George W. Peck, Rev. Thomas Eva, William S. Withers.

Frank Bennett, Elmer J. Whitney, James O. Manson\*, Sumner J. Adams, Samuel H. Oakley, Joseph Brundage, Alvah A. Allen, Winslow B. Guile, E. Collins Peck, Edrick M. Tingley.

Hiland Estabrook, Bird D. Sherwood, George H. Brown, Friend L. Hine, Henry Booth, John M. Alworth, Leroy Taft, James W. Bolles, Mason Tingley, E. W. Brundage.

Charles Felton, Robert Manson, Wesley Osterhout\*, George Sweetser, John Dixon, Ernest L. Ellsworth, Andrew J. Adams, George W. Tiffany\*, P. P. Squiers, Urbane B. Lott.

Frank H. Peck, Theo. Fuller, Levi R. Peck\*, Wallace C. Gow, Williston Chamberlain, E. P. Bailey, Rev. Nestor Light, Rev. F. D. Hartsock, Aaron A. Savige, A. Hammond Harding.

David Mackey, Hugh McConnell, Edwin N. Hammond, Forris A. Barnard\*, Henry J. Chamberlin\*, Edward E. Jones, Charles F. Osborne, Joseph T. Tiffany, Daniel P. Little, Naaman Tingley.

William Benning, Alick M. Leslie, Daniel M. Farrar\*, Er-

met R. Flint, Walter Jackson, Rienzi Streeter, — Whitney, F. T. Wellman, — Tanner, H. Labar.

Jack Alexander, E. W. Gardner, Urbane B. Sloat, Theron Grinnell, M. S. Garret, T. Marcy Tingley, George Carey, Melvin Tingley, Frank Carpenter\*, Welcome Wilmarth, — Sculley, Frank Quick. Total, 102.

Feb. 6, 1899. Annual Meeting. President Resseguie in the chair. Treasurer reported as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To balance in treasury, Feb. 7, 1898.....	\$229.05	
To privileges, stands . . . . .	223.19	
To gate receipts . . . . .	1,659.10	
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	\$2,111.34	
By expenses of Fair . . . . .		\$535.02
By improvements . . . . .		128.39
By premiums paid . . . . .		933.75
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		\$1,597.16
Balance on hand, Feb. 6, 1899.....		514.18

Officers elected: President, J. C. Tanner; Vice President, E. J. Whitney; Secretary, E. E. Jones; Treasurer, E. M. Watson; Executive Committee, H. S. Estabrook; Auditors, H. W. Booth, F. E. Carpenter.

The Fair was one of the best ever held by the Society. Improvements will be made during the year on the grounds and buildings. Suggestions were offered to the management which will be of service in bettering the next Fair, which will be held Sept. 28 and 29, 1899.

The forty-second Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 28 and 29, 1899.

Premiums offered, \$1,401. Six Full Bloods and Grades or 12 divisions, all Class II. Last addition, Guernseys. The time-honored oxen gone. Creamery butter has its place by dairy butter. Amateur photography in Class XIV. School



Exhibit remodeled: New maps; one, our Congressional district; collection of business forms; map of Sherman's work in Civil War; map, acquisition of territory by United States; sketch of Hon. G. A. Grow, 250 words; drawing showing circulation of the blood, etc. For Graded Schools the same exhibits. For teachers: Outline of Jackson's Administration; plan of school building, etc. For Graded School teachers the same.

Special premiums to the three Granges making the three best displays of the products of the home and farm. Also, on photographs of buildings and scenes on Fair Ground taken at time of Fair; first, \$2; second, \$1.

General Superintendent, A. H. Harding. Assistant, A. C. Salisbury. Of horses, T. M. Tingley. Cattle, W. E. Osmun. Assistant, C. G. Rhodes. Sheep and Swine, G. W. Osmun. Poultry, C. H. Stearns. Vegetable Hall, Edgar Van Loan. Assistant Hiland Estabrook. Mechanics' Hall, N. E. Morgan. Floral Hall, W. B. Hammond. Assistants, H. W. Booth, Minnie Darrow, Mrs. John Dixon. School Exhibit, O. F. Maynard.

Chief of Police, A. D. Darrow.

Regulations: Plowing Match on Fair Ground farm, Wednesday, 2 p. m. (Other usual rules follow.)

*A new rule* on entering articles will be in force. All entries must be made before last day of Fair. This can be done by mail very easily. Several days before Sept. 28, make out a list of what you expect to take to the Fair; put everything on this list you have any idea of exhibiting, and mail it to Secretary E. E. Jones. He will make out all the cards and have them ready for you on morning of the Fair. Bring everything that morning (or day previous), as heretofore. You will not have to wait for cards; they will be handed you at once. This rule is iron-clad and cannot be broken. Entries can be made afternoon of first day, as the Secretary will be at his office on the grounds, but books will positively close at midnight. A list sent by mail does not compel attendance yourself, or the articles brought, if circumstances prevent. If cards are not called for, they are afterwards destroyed.

This rule is made for the good of the Fair; for the benefit of exhibitors. (1) Articles can be more quickly placed on exhibition; better arrayed. (2) Judges have more time for their work. (3) No standing in a crowd at Secretary's office waiting for attention.

B. F. HINE,  
F. A. OSBORN.  
H. S. ESTABROOK,

J. C. TANNER, President.  
E. E. JONES, Secretary.

(1). And so a very troublesome feature of our Fair came to an end; a reform decided on at once after years of patience and experience. An impatient crowd, six overworked secretaries, and delay, suddenly vanished. All the work was done beforehand.

The writer, so many years in his accustomed seat in the Secretary's office, forenoon of second day, found the crowd in front an excellent exhibition of human nature. One applicant will hinder two men while trying to think what he wants. Another wastes not a second when his chance comes. A patient and modest one is sometimes neglected, because not aggressive enough; an opposite character storms and blusters if he has to wait five minutes.

(2) Poster for 1899. Two little children with hands full of fruit. They are saying: "They have such lots of nice things at the Fair."

Announcements: Address by Brig. Gen. J. P. Gobin, Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania. Northeastern Band of Lanesboro. Balloon ascension and parachute drop. Drills by S. O. School. S. O. S. Band.

(3) The Premium List pamphlet is much enlarged. Tastefully printed by Vail & Howell, of the *Advertiser*. Photographs (four) are interspersed through its pages (1) Log Cabin, Dining Hall, Mechanics' Hall. (2) Floral Hall. (3) Mechanics' Hall, Floral Hall, Secretary's Office. (4) Vegetable Hall, with steeple and bell. The fine trees of the ground mingle. The "ads" in this book are very neat, embracing Honesdale, Montrose, Binghamton, Factoryville, Scranton;

while Harford and surrounding towns are very liberal. Probably 1,200 of these books went out by mail.

(4) Privileges. Bid for, first week in September each year. Two photographers, merry-go-round, phonograph, dining hall, stands Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, hot candy, popcorn, ice cream. All brought \$50 more than the usual amount.

(5) Improvements are being made on the grounds and buildings, and the best efforts of the officers exerted to hold the best Fair possible.

(6) The Grangers' exhibit will be finer than last year.

(7) General Gobin was in the late war with Spain.

(8) The children of the S. O. S. will give new drills and marches.

(9) The sales of the privileges is a usual prophecy.

(10) Dining Hall conducted by F. E. Carpenter. His past experience will give better service than ever.

(11) The S. O. S. Band, under instruction of Prof. Bauer, is a wonder. The S. O. S. Commission are so proud of this band they will give them new instruments.

(12) Last year the Fair was the largest and best one in its history. The management is exerting all energy to hold a still better one.

Through abundance of other material the awards are omitted. Special premiums to Grangers were: New Milford \$25; Thomson, \$15; Highland, \$10.

The judges found it a very difficult task, as the quantity was so large, the quality so fine. All were very nearly equal, and each excelled in some classes.

*Advertiser*, Oct. 7: "The forty-second Fair has added new lustre to the fame of the Society. Their good fortune, luck, or happy selection of dates, call it what you like, in no wise forsook them, but rather brought them increased laurels, more wealth, and opportunity to greatly extend their usefulness.

"The people were enthusiastic over the Orphan School, their drills, and especially their Band. They are all little fellows, but they play a high class of music. Gen. Gobin's address will be published. It was purely along agricultural lines.

## "RECEIPTS AT HARFORD FAIR"

Year.	Gate.	Privileges.
1884 .....	\$1,156	\$138
1885 .....	1,412	153
1886 .....	1,410	207
1887 .....	1,239	198
1888 .....	1,634	174
1889 .....	1,527	223
1890 .....	1,429	145
1891 .....	1,556	163
1892 Rain 3 days .....	869	228
1893 .....	1,422	179
1894 .....	1,413	213
1895 .....	1,472	202
1896 .....	1,189	209
1897 .....	1,279	203
1898 .....	1,659	225
1899 .....	1,641	282

"All money is used to improve buildings and grounds and pay premiums. No salaries are paid anyone except \$6 to each of the Executive Committee, and \$40 to the Secretary."

Diary: "Sept. 27. Caring for a sick father. The plowing match has cold, sour weather. Night: Good signs for tomorrow. Sept. 28. Thick frost. *Beautiful* morn. Comfortable and fine day, though much wind. First Fair lost by myself in many years."

Feb. 5, 1900. Annual Meeting. President J. C. Tanner in the Chair. Treasurer reported as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To balance on hand, Feb. 6, 1899 .....	\$514.18	
To receipts from sale of privileges .....	283.60	
To receipts at gate .....	1,642.05	
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	\$2,439.83	

By expenses of Fair .....	\$372.97
By improvements on grounds .....	246.59
By premiums paid .....	927.25
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	\$1,546.81
Balance on hand, Feb. 5, 1900.....	893.02

Officers elected: President, George A. Stearns; Vice President, E. J. Whitney; Secretary, E. E. Jones; Treasurer, E. M. Watson; Executive Committee, 3 years, B. F. Hine; Walter W. Wilmarth, 2 years, in place of H. S. Estabrook, resigned; F. P. Tingley, F. D. Wilmarth, Auditors.

The following recommendations were made:

(1) That graded sires in stock be dropped from premium list. (2) That a second premium be offered on poultry. (3) That more expert judges be employed.

Other similar suggestions were made for the consideration of Executive Committee.

Next Fair, Sept. 26 and 27, 1900.

The forty-third Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 26 and 27, 1900.

Premiums offered, \$1,489.75. Dr. A. H. Paget, Scranton, judge on horses. E. G. Carpenter, Waverly, N. Y., on six divisions of cattle. R. D. Button, Cottons, N. Y., the other six. F. H. Parsons, Milton, N. Y., poultry. J. M. Jeffers, Montrose, grain. Mrs. C. A. Bevans, Scranton, needlework, division 1; Miss A. E. Horn, Scranton, division 2.

Ayrshires are substituted for American Holderness. In domestics there are six articles extra, assigned to children under 12 years. In School Exhibit, a sketch of Rev. Lyman Richardson instead of G. A. Grow.

Special premiums: 1. To the three Granges of Susquehanna Co. making three best displays, \$25, \$15, \$10. Three must compete else premiums will be withheld. Judges to be provided by Pomona Grange of this county. 2. Photographs of buildings and scenes on Fair Grounds; \$2 to the first; \$1 to second. Nos. 3 to 13 will be named in the Awards.

General Superintendent, A. H. Harding. Assistant, A. C. Salisbury. Of horses, T. M. Tingley. Cattle W. E. Osmun. Assistant, C. G. Rhodes. Sheep and Swine, G. W. Osmun. Poultry, C. H. Stearns. Vegetable Hall, W. A. Brown. Assistant, Leland Williams. Mechanics' Hall, N. E. Morgan. Floral Hall, H. W. Booth. Assistants, W. J. Lamb, May Sweet, Lou. Rogers. School Exhibit, E. M. Compton.

Chief of Police, A. D. Darrow.

Regulations: Plowing match on Fair Ground farm, Wednesday. (2) All entries must be made before Thursday.

F. A. OSBORN,  
W. W. WILMARTH,  
B. F. HINE.

GEO. A. STEARNS, President.

E. E. JONES, Secretary.

(1) Expert judges in horses, cattle, poultry, fancy needlework.

(2) The premium list pamphlet is very neat; the work of the Transcript & Ledger Co., Susquehanna. Our managers say this in the preface: "Our greatest ambition in the future, as in the past, is to hold a clean, educating, elevating Fair, so the people, whose Fair it is, may continue to love it."

Two of the four photos are scenes on the grounds in previous Fairs; full of people. An immense number of these pamphlets for distribution. It is a beautiful souvenir.

(3) Announcements: Expert judges of unquestionable ability and fairness have been secured. This system, with the names of exhibitors on the cards for the satisfaction of the crowd, is the ideal system.

The Harford Band, one of the finest in this region will be a source of delight to all.

Prof. S. B. Heighes, York, Pa., will make the address. He is considered one of the best speakers in America on agriculture. He has been engaged at large expense. Many have requested his return.

(4) Poster for 1900. Farmer standing in field amid melons, tomatoes, squashes, celery, sweet corn, beans, etc.,

piled in baskets and barrels. Hat in hand, broad smile on face: "I'll bet these will get first premium."

Announcements: Address by Prof. Heighes. Music by Harford Cornet Band. Beautiful grounds.

(5) The children of S. O. S. will delight their admirers as they have many times in the past. Their Band, most of whom are little fellows, will be with them.

(6) Few country Fairs pay nearly as much money in premiums.

(7) The same liberal premiums are offered to the Granges.

(8) F. E. Carpenter will have charge of dining hall.

(9) The management regretted last year the failure of the balloonist to make an ascension. Though in no wise responsible, yet it will endeavor, regardless of expense, to make good this attraction. Jewell Bros. of Trenton, have the best reputation, and cost the most. Ascension and parachute drop.

Awards: To children under 12 years: Beth Stearns, Esther Banker, patchwork piece; Flossie Lindsey, dressed doll; Florence Whitlock, Ellen Kilts, darning; Diamond Rose, hemmed handkerchief. School Exhibit: Mabel Whitney, Mabel Southworth, map 15th Cong. district; Earl Sheen, reproduction story; Glen Harding, Edith Rogers, business forms; Lawrence Savige, Glen Potter, penmanship, under 8 years; Bertha Sage, Mabel Rogers, under 12. Graded: Jennie Shannon, map; Sadie Rynearson, Norma Darrow, social letter; Susie Osmun, Norma Darrow, sketch of Rev. Lyman Richardson; Ethel Lott, Clara Watson, penmanship, under 12. Teachers: Mabel Harding, Maude Waldie, Jackson's administration; J. Monroe Mosher, plan school building. Graded: Lena Smith, Jackson's administration; Maude Waldie, plan school building.

Plowing: C. H. Chamberlin, C. C. Darrow, T. E. Richardson, W. H. Richardson, A. H. Rynearson; sulky plowing, A. C. Salisbury.

Special premiums: 1. Granges did not exhibit. (2) Photographs of scenes, Fair, not known till afterwards. (3)

L. & W. D. Turrell, largest and best herd of cattle, \$5.00.

(4) W. E. Bennett, team starting heaviest load on stone boat,

\$5.00. (5) A. C. Salisbury, second, \$3.00. (6) Mrs. S. A. Breese, harnessing, hitching to wagon, driving off, first, \$3.00. (7) Grace Stearns, second, \$2.00. (8) Mrs. F. M. Williams, best assortment bake stuffs, \$2.00. (9) Anna H. Cox, second, \$1.00. (10) W. S. Spohia, largest number of first premiums in Class VI., \$1.00. (11) Best loaded wagon of farm produce, \$5.00. No award. (12) A. E. Stearns, heaviest one dozen hen's eggs, \$0.50. (13) C. G. Roe, lightest one dozen, \$0.50.

*Ind. Republican*, September 28: "Yesterday belonged to Harford. It was 'Fair day' in the old town, and the managers and the weather bureau had combined to make the day an enjoyable one to the thousands of visitors from all points of the compass.

"No fault could be found with the weather. It was warm, with an abundance of breeze; and if at times the sun did beat down with a trifle too much intensity, there was always a cool retreat to be found in the shade of the grove.

"The exhibits in nearly every class were exceptionally large and fine. . . . It was stated at the Secretary's office, that more articles had been entered than ever before in the history of the Fair. . . . Prof. Heighes' address was intensely practical; admirably delivered. Had this been the only attraction, the time and money of those present would have been profitably spent.

"The people were not disappointed this year as to the balloon ascension. Absolutely perfect. Costing \$100.

"The Harford Cornet Band furnished inspiring music, of a high order, generous in amount, and well nigh faultless in execution. Few country bands anywhere, equal that of Harford. It would take a long day's journey to find a more gentlemanly organization. Twenty-two members. Dr. Hooven, leader.

"Every advertised feature was carried out to the letter. Gate receipts, \$1540."

*Scranton Tribune*: "The Fair Grounds comprise about 30 acres on the summit of one of the highest hills in an extremely hilly country. The Village in the valley below is a thrifty looking little hamlet, seemingly in a saucer-like depression,



with high ranges of hills surrounding it on every side. In the east are the celebrated Elk Mountains, the highest in this section, towering proudly in the hazy distance, and on every side of Harford nothing but steep grades can be seen.

"The buildings of the Society are numerous and cover about two acres in a half-square. They are kept in good condition and painted. This is quite an improvement on many Fair buildings in the State, where unpainted walls and gaping rough sides, do not add to their attractiveness."

In December of this year appeared an article in *The Home Magazine* of New York, "At a County Fair," by Harvey Sutherland. The writer and a companion were with us the two days, securing sixteen photos of views and scenes, inside and outside the Fair. There does not appear an intention of malice. But the whole is set off in a humorous vein; much truth mingled with the ludicrous, the ridiculous, and the endeavor to excite mirth in the reader. If a writer can do this he is accepted on the staff of correspondents of a city magazine. And a country fair is an excellent field for this class of workers.

His copying of our dialect is untrue. The great majority of our people are correct talkers, not given to drawl or provincialism. But this offered a fine field for taking us off. Now, he could not expect board, lodging, dress, conveyance, sport, custom, in a village in N. E. Pennsylvania to agree with city ideas and fashion. Yet he seizes these and makes them laughable, at least to town's people.

Our high hills, our rocks and stony pastures could not of course escape his invective. We do not apologize for them. They are the secret of our Roman citizenship, grit, energy. Our boys and girls are not yet like the generation of metropolitan dwellers; our old folks have not been moulded into insincerity and become disbelievers in everything good by life-long contact with nature.

Much of the article is a narration of events in correct coloring. He praises our Executive Committee. "Hard as nails and sharp as tacks." He says the crowd was honest; his property left unguarded, had not been touched. The farmers did not have a bunch of hay growing under their chins, nor

pants in their boots, nor antediluvian hats on their heads. The horses were nice. He wonders whether it is the Spartan virtue of the managers that forbids horse racing, or the impossibility of getting enough level ground in one parcel for a horse to trot a mile on. It didn't do the least bit of good to wink at the man, or say the cider ought to have a stick in it. And he wishes he had been invited to the family lunch in the grove at noon. Again he says: "These were the faces from the intellectual stock of Americans that read, think, and have characters. I don't care what the comic papers say. Men, women and children all looked as if they had enough to eat and wear and money in the bank, even if their fields were stony. It makes you think the republic will last the year out, sure."

"The real, old, original, genuine agricultural fair, that preserves its serious purpose to benefit the people is mighty hard to find. But when it is found it is well worth going to see. There is only one that I know of, only one left, and it is just the same to-day, as it was forty-three years ago."

Let us copy the closing paragraph of this article. In it is an acknowledgment of our superiority. In it is a confession that satisfies Harford. That makes us glad this article was written.

"Farewell, ye scions of the good old stock, whose names a man can spell right when he hears them! and pronounce right when he sees them! While ye endure, the Republic shall; for mountaineers were ever free men, Harford, farewell! nestling in thy Happy Valley! The city beckons to us as it nods and beckons to thy sons. But we know, if they do not, how much sounder, wholesomer and truer would our lives be, were they spent in thee. Healed by thy cradling hush and quiet, even now, could we but tarry, we might gain again the paradise of steady nerves and dreamless sleep, might even do the work we plan to do, the work that shall be worthy of us at our best. But the city beckons to us, and although we know how heartless are its pleasures, and its gayety how mocking, we must go. Its spells are woven around us, its witchery is in our bones. We are bond-slaves to the city!"

Our diary: "September 26. Cloudy. Work for Secretary Jones all day. He and E. J. Whitney have very much yet to do. Village and grounds quite lively. At 10 A. M. weather changes. Sunshine in P. M., hot."

"September 27. At 3:15 A. M. mercury 64. Warm night. Spattered sharply at 10 P. M. The day warm, pleasant, sun, clouds. We take corn and butter. Busy and visiting all day. Band, nice. Father, at home, saw parachute come down in Bird Sherwood's orchard. Balloon came down in his woods, near sugar-camp shed."

February 4, 1901. Annual meeting. Treasurer reported as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To balance on hand, Feb. 5, 1900.....	\$ 893.02	
To receipts at gate.....	1628.55	
To receipts from privileges.....	243.39	
To receipts from other sources.....	20.65	
	<u>\$2785.61</u>	
By improvements on grounds.....		\$336.75
By expenses of Fair.....		572.90
By pay roll for 1899.....		88.50
By premiums paid.....		<u>945.00</u>
		\$1943.15
Balance in treasury, Feb. 4, 1901.....		\$842.46

Officers elected: President, G. A. Stearns; Vice President, E. J. Whitney; Secretary, E. E. Jones; Treasurer, E. M. Watson; Executive Committee (3 years), A. C. Salisbury; Auditors, A. H. Rynearson, H. M. Lindsey.

The Fair last September was one of the most successful ever held. The people showed their interest by offering suggestions for the management. All united in resolving to make even better the coming Fair, which will be held, as always held, on the last Wednesday and Thursday of September.

The Forty-fourth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural

Society will be held Wednesday and Thursday, September 25 and 26, 1901.

Premiums offered, \$1417.15. E. G. Carpenter, Waverly, Pa., judge on six divisions of cattle. W. G. Shook, Clark's Green, Pa., on remaining six. E. G. Carpenter, on sheep. W. G. Shook, on swine. F. H. Parsons, Milford, N. Y., on poultry. W. D. Tobias, S. Gibson, on grain. W. N. Manchester, Factoryville, Pa., on paintings, flowers.

In XVII. School Exhibits, Hon. David Wilmot is substituted for Rev. Lyman Richardson.

Special premiums: Noticed in Awards.

General Superintendent, A. H. Harding. Assistant, P. M. Wilmarth. Of horses, T. M. Tingley. Assistant, E. O. Howell. Cattle, W. E. Osmun. Assistant, N. E. Morgan. Sheep and swine, G. W. Osmun. Poultry, C. H. Stearns. Vegetable Hall, W. A. Brown. Assistant, Leland Williams. Floral Hall, W. B. Hammond. Assistant, H. W. Booth. School Exhibit, O. F. Maynard.

Chief of Police, R. I. Westcott.

Regulations: Plowing match on Fair Ground farm. All entries must be made before the last day of Fair.

W. W. WILMARTH,  
B. F. HINE,  
A. C. SALISBURY.

PROF. GEO. A. STEARNS, President.

E. E. JONES, Secretary.

(1) Premium list pamphlet very neat. Four photos; two are new ones; crowds of people; Grange tents in view.

(2) Poster: Stacks of canned fruits, jellies, bread, honey. Admiring farmer and wife. Beautiful young women likewise. Grapes, apples, pears, cabbages and hosts of other products in great piles.

Announcements: Foot Ball game. Scranton-Binghamton High Schools.

(3) A foot ball game will be a novelty and pleasure to many people who have never seen the game played.

(4) One of the best bands in our county has been engaged, the Gibson Cornet Band.

(5) Expert judges in most of the classes this year. They are entirely disinterested. The name on the cards show who have the fine horses, cattle or other exhibits.

(6) September 13. Again the privileges brought the highest prices in the history of the Fair, save the three days' Fair of 1892.

Awards: Harford Creamery, creamery jar butter; Mrs. F. W. Dean, dairy jar butter; Effie E. Tingley, wheat bread; Mrs. E. D. Snyder, soda biscuit; Mrs. W. C. Gow, sugar.

Mrs. C. H. Stearns, Mrs. F. M. Williams, Mrs. G. A. Stearns, Mrs. E. D. Snyder, Mrs. W. M. Gavitt, Mrs. N. E. Packard, occur often in Class VIII.

Faith McCain, Mrs. R. J. Causland, Hattie D. Lee, Mrs. H. B. Jones, Clara Lindsey, Lottie M. Dean, E. A. Smith, E. D. Bronson, in Class XIV.

May Turrell, Mamie Leek, Helen McCain, Jay Harding, Velma Little, in Class XVII., Division 1. Hazel Bennett, sketch of Hon. David Wilmot; Mildred Hawley, penmanship, under 8 years; Blanche Whitney, Etta Hawley, under 12. Graded: Celia Potter, Ethel A. Tiffany, Minnie Manzer, Pearl Ellsworth, Norma Darrow, sketch of Hon. David Wilmot; Leigh Bertholf, Huldah Case, penmanship, under 8; Daisy Tiffany, Diamond Rose, under 12.

Plowing: W. H. Richardson, G. C. Forsyth, C. H. Chamberlin, A. H. Rynearson, C. C. Darrow.

Special: No. 2. Turrell & Turrell, largest and best herd. 3. Team starting: heaviest load. The contest being a tie, judges divided premiums between E. J. Rhinevault and G. S. Darrow; \$4 each. 5. Mrs. A. W. Ellsworth, first harnesses, hitches to wagon, drives a horse, 1½ minutes. 6. Lettia French, girl under 14 years, same, 2 minutes. 7. Anna Cox, best assortment of bake stuffs made.

*Ind. Republican*, September 27: "Yesterday the proverbial 'Harford weather' put in its appearance as usual, and in consequence there gathered nearly five thousand people to witness the display of the products of the farm, listen to the fine music of the Gibson Band, watch the exciting foot ball

game, and last but not least, to meet and greet and visit friends whom you are always sure to see at Harford.

"The most noticeable falling off was in fruit and vegetables, the reasons for which are obvious, although Geo. B. Smith of Montrose had a magnificent display which brought him both first premium and special. . . .

"A class of exhibits attracting much attention were those done by children under 12 years of age. Little Marion Stearns won the premium for best patch work; Diamond Rose, Brooklyn, for the best dressed doll; Florence Whitlock, best outline work.

"The gate receipts were between \$1500 and \$1600; sale of privileges about \$300; total nearly \$1900."

*Advertiser*, October 5: "Another successful chapter added to the history of Harford's Fair. It still remains true to the faith that gave it birth and nourishment through the forty-four years of its useful existence.

"The Gibson Band furnished a very pleasing program."

We append a portion: Overture, "Manitou" by Southwell. "Superior" by Southwell. March, "Rough Riders." "The American League," by Losey. "El Capitan," by Sousa. "Stars and Stripes Forever," by Sousa. "American Belle," by Hall. "Bride-elect," by Sousa. Waltz, "Worship to the Beautiful," by Codina. "Queen of the Ball," by Berry. "Flee as a Bird."

Members: Elbert Sweet, leader. Alvin Sweet, Irvine Sweet, Earl Sweet, Frank Chamberlin, Elmer Chamberlin, Elmer Dewitt, W. H. Estabrook, H. C. Estabrook, Claude Van Gorder, Arthur Harding, Charles Lamb, Harley Tingley, Arvine Sweet, Eugene Sweet, E. L. Hill, W. J. Lamb, Bert Chamberlin, Oliver Chamberlin.

This Band was organized in 1873. It has existed to the present time (1907). That a country Band should live a third of a century, and be in full vigor, is a remarkable fact. Two of the original members, Arvine Sweet and Alvin Sweet are yet with them. A. H. Harding was for years their Drum Major, and Prof. H. E. Coggsell, their first instructor.

Our diary: "September 25. Help all day. On Fair

Ground, p. m. Cool, but clear sunshine. Every one lively, hopeful, busy.

"September 26. 5 A. M. Mercury 38 degrees. Take fall apples to Fair. Father with me. Visit with very many friends. Weather, ideal."

February 3, 1902. Annual meeting. Treasurer reported as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To balance on hand, Feb. 4, 1901.....	\$ 842.46	
To receipts from privileges.....	348.71	
To receipts from gate.....	1533.60	
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	\$2724.77	
By expenses of Fair.....		\$677.65
By premiums paid.....		843.75
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		\$1521.40
Balance in treasury, Feb. 3, 1902.....		\$1203.37

Officers elected: President, Prof. Geo. A. Stearns; Secretary, E. E. Jones; Treasurer, E. M. Watson; Executive Committee (3 years), E. J. Whitney.

The Forty-fifth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, September 24 and 25, 1902.

Premiums offered \$1600.25. Dr. H. A. Paget, Scranton, judge on horses. J. L. Stone, Ithaca, on cattle. Also, A. F. Bronson, Vernon, N. Y. J. L. Stone, on sheep. A. F. Bronson, on swine. F. H. Parsons, Greene, N. Y., on poultry, Myron Merthew, Hopbottom, on grain. Lee Stearns and Mr. Beach, Wilkes-Barre, on paintings.

Divisions 13 and 14, Red Polled and Grade, added to Class II.

\$930 in premiums offered on horses, cattle, sheep, swine. \$237 on poultry, alone. To this class 13 new varieties are added. To turkeys, ducks, geese, ornamental birds, 8 varieties. In domestics, children under 12 have a portion. In School Exhibit, William McKinley has the place of honor.

In special premiums (noticed in Awards), four more are added.

General Superintendent, P. M. Wilmarth. Assistant, H. W. Booth. Of horses, T. M. Tingley. Assistant, E. O. Howell. Cattle, N. E. Morgan. Assistant, Chas. Fargo. Sheep and swine, W. E. Osmun. Poultry, Leland Williams. Vegetable Hall, W. A. Brown. Assistant, A. R. Grant. Floral Hall, O. F. Maynard. Assistant, U. S. Morgan. School Exhibit, Hiland Estabrook.

Chief of Police, John Goss.

Regulations: Plowing match on Fair Ground farm, Wednesday. Blank for entries, also premium list, sent to all former exhibitors.

B. F. HINE,  
A. C. SALISBURY,  
E. J. WHITNEY.

PROF. GEO. A. STEARNS, President.  
E. E. JONES, Secretary.

(1) The management have never made a greater effort than this year to provide a great Fair. But exhibits are essential to a great Fair. These are the people's part.

(2) Mademoiselle Orrocco and her mystifying globe will be one of the leading attractions, as well as the famous acrobatic French Comique Bondo.

(3) The Harford Band is an exceptionally fine musical organization.

(4) Premium list published by *Advertiser* Print. Creditable. Four photos. Preface: We intend to make these yearly premium lists more and more valuable as keepsakes, by reproducing in our cuts, scenes and incidents of our Fair.

(5) It does the boys and girls good to take something to the Fair; and wise parents will encourage their children in doing this. Any way you help to make a good Fair. Don't merely go yourself; take the nice things you have.

Our diary: "September 24. Rained till noon. Very clody P. M. Plowing Match.



"September 25. Rained most of night. 8 A. M. Slow rain. Cold, wet. Alas! for the Fair. Rains most of A. M. Fair to be next Tuesday. Many are badly off. Fair failure, means much loss to many people. Also, to Executive Committee. Rained most of this day, too."

*Ind. Republican*, September 26: "The Harford Fair has been adjourned until Tuesday, September 30. All entries will hold good, and books be open for new ones, until Monday night."

Awards: H. Van Buskirk, W. C. Cruser, stallions; T. M. Maynard, J. M. Alworth, geldings; W. W. Wilmarth, Durham bull; C. H. Chamberlin, L. L. Burdick, Grade Durham cows; L. L. Burdick, Jerseys; E. W. Watson, Holsteins; W. H. Richardson, Grade Holstein; W. C. Cruser, D. L. Stevens, Red Polled; A. M. Leslie, Leicester buck; F. P. Bennett, Geo. W. Osmon, fall pigs. Awards in poultry nearly a column long. The names of E. F. Tiffany & Co., J. J. Bryden, O. H. Green & Co., Edwin Oakley, occur many times. Austin Darrow, barley; William Birdsall, buckwheat; E. T. Senior, F. D. Wilmarth, W. S. Sophia, F. W. Sheldon, E. A. Smith, fruits and vegetables; Clifford, creamery butter; Harford, second; E. A. Blaisdell, Mary G. West, dairy butter; Jeanette Andrews, wheat bread; Mrs. H. W. Booth, biscuit; Mrs. A. A. Allen, maple syrup; Mrs. C. H. Stearns, Mrs. C. H. Rose, Mrs. E. M. Tingley, Mrs. G. A. Stearns, Miss Minnie Darrow, canned goods; J. E. Barney, harness; C. W. Lewis, market wagon; Mrs. S. J. Estabrook, Lucinda Potter, Mrs. Almond Sweet, Mrs. A. B. Kent, Mrs. F. H. Wilcox, domestics; Mildred Whitney, Beth Stearns, Diamond Rose, Vida James, Dora Van Alstyne, under 12 years; Mrs. Norman Adams, Carrie S. Marsh, Bessie Bradley, Mrs. E. P. Munger, Lillian Backus, Alma Goodrich, Mrs. J. W. Bolles, Mrs. C. W. Howkins, Mrs. Elmer Breed, Miss Lottie M. Dearz, Mrs. E. A. Bloxham, Mrs. B. F. Hine, Mrs. John Decker, Evelyn Lee, needle-work; Carrie Marsh, Mrs. J. G. Wilson, Mrs. E. M. Tiffany, Mrs. John Snell, Frances Gillespie, painting; Jessie Robbins, crayon; Mrs. Thos. Warnock, potted plants; Mrs. E. H. Osborn, rose bowl; Hattie D. Lee, photos. School Exhibit: Helen Mc-

Cain, four times, including sketch of President McKinley; Julia Booth, story; Mildred Hawley, penmanship, under 8; Louise Tiffany, under 12. Graded: Earl Whiting, 15th Cong. Dist.; Ethalyn Tiffany, sketch of McKinley; Harold Tiffany, Marjorie Hill, penmanship, under 8. Teachers: Artie Ransom, Francis Gillespie, outline of Washington's administration. Graded: Lillian Byram.

Plowing: C. H. Chamberlin, W. H. Richardson.

Special premiums: Clarence Pratt, pulling contest; Mrs. C. G. Roe, assortment bake stuff; second, Mrs. F. A. LaBar; W. M. Gavitt, display apples; second, F. W. Sheldon; F. E. Moore, tallest corn; F. M. Williams, second.

*Ind. Republican*, October 3: "Citizens of Montrose who attended the adjourned Fair, came back with very gratifying reports. The exhibits in all the departments were fine, comparing favorably, with former years. They usually have good weather, but this year was an exception. But for this it would doubtless have been a record breaker. Receipts reported to be \$800."

*Advertiser*, October 4: "The Fair, postponed, from regular date to last Tuesday, on account of bad weather, came off as scheduled, the managers in their second attempt having chosen a day that gave them just the right kind of weather.

"A postponed fair loses much of its original attraction, but the Harford Fair people clearly gave their visitors a great deal more than was anticipated. We heard some disappointment expressed that the horse department did not possess its usual attractiveness. . . . Not the fault of the able management. They did splendidly under the most trying circumstances, and are grateful for the liberal support received. There was probably about half the usual attendance.

"Net gate receipts \$775; privileges \$150; total, \$925."

*Susquehanna Ledger*: "Up to the evening of the first day the entries were the largest in all the many years.

"The cost this year will exceed the receipts about \$500, and

this deficiency will be met from funds in the association treasury."

*Susquehanna Transcript*: "All Wednesday night the wet condition of the grounds and steadily falling rain determined early in the day that the Fair must be adjourned, and the officers fixed upon the following Tuesday. The intervening days were like Thursday, nearly all stormy, and the management, struggling against adverse odds from the start, sought in every possible way to win at least a partial victory from what seemed an almost hopeless task.

"Tuesday morning the weather was still unpropitious. But all day long the crowds surged to and fro, and under the threatening clouds sought to get their money's worth, and they did not seek in vain.

"This Fair is backed by business men of remarkable energy; men who have always made their impress upon all that has made Harford in many respects a model township in the county."

The Harford Cornet Band this year played the third time for the Fair. And its last time; to our sorrow. Its instrumentation was: N. C. Adams, Eb Clarinet; F. L. Hine, Bb Clarinet; H. H. Hooven (leader), Eb Cornet; L. E. Wilmarth, C. J. Tiffany, Solo Bb Cornets; W. S. Philips, 1st Bb Cornet; Harry H. Shannon, 2d Bb Cornet; E. D. Smith, E. E. Lewis, A. D. Darrow, Altos; S. J. Osmun, E. W. Osmun, Trombones; F. D. Wilmarth, Baritone; U. B. Lott, A. E. Tingley, Tubas; F. E. Carpenter, Snare Drum; W. B. Hammond, Bass Drum.

"Ragtime" was very popular and the Band on that occasion rendered the following of that class of music: "Alagazam," "Creole Belles," "The Coon's Frolic," "De Cake Winner," "My Chocolate Colored Baby," etc. Other selections were the serenades: "Sweetly Dreaming," and "The Shepherd Boy." A reverie: "The Voluntary," by Lafferty. Marches: "America Forever Victorious," "Blaze Away," "Vamose," "Independencia," "Ben-Hur," etc.

The Band was organized March, 1897, with the following:

A. C. Salisbury, F. E. Carpenter, W. B. Hammond, E. H. Osborn, A. D. Darrow, U. B. Lott, Geo. A. Stearns, H. D. Tingley, M. F. Tingley, W. A. Brown, E. E. Lewis, C. J. Tiffany, H. H. Hooven, leader.

Our diary: (Adjourned Fair). "Sept. 29. Rained nearly all previous night. Uncertain weather; cloudy most of the day. At night, still uncertain.

"Sept. 30. At 5 A. M. mercury 60. Very cloudy. But wind north. Clears off. Nice. Father and myself at Fair. Sunny, A. M.; cloudy, P. M. Visited with many. Fair about two-thirds usual attendance."

February 2, 1903. Annual meeting. Treasurer reported as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To balance on hand, Feb. 3, 1902.....	\$1203.37	
To sale of privileges.....	176.75	
To gate receipts.....	773.90	
To shingles and hay sold.....	9.17	
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	\$2163.19	
By expenses of Fair.....		\$641.46
By improvements.....		163.06
By premiums paid.....		953.75
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		\$1758.27
Balance in treasury, Feb. 2, 1903.....		\$404.92

Officers elected: President, Prof. Geo. A. Stearns; Vice President, A. T. Sweet; Secretary, E. E. Jones; Treasurer, E. M. Watson; Executive Committee (3 years), F. A. Osborn; Auditors, H. E. Miller, F. D. Wilmarth.

A general discussion, with good suggestions was participated in by many.

The Forty-sixth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held Wednesday and Thursday, September 23 and 24, 1903.

Premiums offered \$1496.25. M. A. DeWitt, Binghamton, judge on horses. H. W. Skinner, Vernon Center, N. Y., and A. F. Bronson, Vernon, N. Y., on cattle. One-half to each. Mr. Skinner also on sheep; and Mr. Bronson, on swine. Mr. Parsons, Greene, N. Y., on poultry. J. C. Harrington, Montrose, on grain.

Class VI. is made Division 1, Fruit; and Division 2, Vegetables. Class X. includes 17 agricultural implements, 3 harnesses, 14 wheeled vehicles. Class XIII. contains 60 articles by name; all needlework. Made into three divisions, and judges assigned to each. A much needed change, bringing great relief. In School Exhibit, a map of Gen. Grant's work in the Civil War, is required. Also, sketch of Hon. G. A. Grow. Teachers have but one chance, "Best report of last County Institute."

Special premiums noticed in "Awards."

General Superintendent, P. M. Wilmarth. Assistant, H. W. Booth. Of horses, T. M. Tingley. Assistant, E. O. Howell. Cattle, N. E. Morgan. Assistant, R. D. Fancher. Sheep and swine, W. E. Osmun. Poultry, Leland Williams. Vegetable Hall, W. A. Brown. Assistant, A. R. Grant. Assistant, Mrs. E. M. Tingley. Floral Hall, W. B. Hammond. Assistant, U. S. Morgan. School Exhibit, Eugene Osmun.

Chief of Police, John Goss.

Regulations: The Plowing match has passed away. Class XV., Plowing omitted. Only two contestants in 1902.

A. C. SALISBURY,

E. J. WHITNEY,

F. A. OSBORN.

PROF. GEO. A. STEARNS, President.

E. E. JONES, Secretary.

(1) We must as a community do what we can for the Fair, and frown on the disposition some people have, of getting what they can out of it.

(2) Harford Fair is largely responsible for the prosperity of these farms; for the progressiveness of Susquehanna Co. farmers.

(3) Exhibits are what make a Fair, not alone the so-called

attractions. We as a community should make ourselves the trouble, and expense even, to contribute something in the way of an exhibition.

(4) Everyone is looking forward to the event in this section, viz., the Harford Fair. It is the time of annual "Home Coming," for very many.

(5) Premium list pamphlet is the work of the *Transcript-Ledger* Print. One-half, premium list, one-half "ads." Very neat. Preface: "For forty-six years the Harford Fair has maintained the spirit of its founders, in providing a clean, uplifting exhibition, along strictly agricultural lines. It is the ambition of the present management to maintain this high standard, and keeping abreast of the times, to improve year by year, that the Harford Fair may continue to be a great educational influence in this progressive agricultural section of our State." Enriched by photographs.

Announcements: Jewell Brothers will make a balloon ascension and parachute drop, as near 2 P. M. as possible. They are the most successful and highest priced aeronauts in America. Known all over the United States.

Bullard's Band, Hallstead, has an enviable reputation in this section, for first-class music.

(6) Many parts of the premium list have been revised. Class XIII. needlework, has been brought up-to-date for all the newest fancy work.

Last year the display of canned goods was enormous. A lady superintendent has been assigned to this class alone.

(See Superintendents, lady assistant, Vegetable Hall.)

(7) Many inquiries are made as to what entry fees are charged on exhibits. The Harford Fair is different from most fairs in this matter. No entry fee is charged, nor has been, in its entire history. The entry books are free for everyone.

(8) All questionable amusements and games are not allowed.

(9) Buckley, with his merry-go-round, will be on the ground.

(10) The Woolson Spice Co., Toledo, has selected this Fair

at which to advertise the celebrated "Lion Coffee." Free cups will be served from their tent during the day.

(11) Poster, 1903. A field full of farm animals. Happy horses, fat cows, quiet sheep, round hogs, happy, scratching hens; and the intelligent dog.

Announcements: Balloon ascension. Bullard's Band, of Halstead, Susquehanna County.

(12) This year C. H. Johnston (present owner of Fair Ground farm) leased the "new part," about 10 acres, to Executive Committee. It is a continuation of the grounds, north.

Awards: E. A. Howell, W. C. Cruser, E. R. Gardner, B. D. Sherwood, horses. F. L. Lindsey, T. M. Tingley, James Gow, E. A. Thacher, colts. L. B. Miller, Durhams. B. F. Jones, Devons. M. W. Palmer, Jerseys. J. F. Butterfield, Christopher Byrne, Ayrshires. F. E. Moore, C. H. Chamberlin, Holsteins. D. L. Stevens, Guernseys, and Red Polled. Edwin Tiffany, W. H. Tiffany, blooded sheep. L. L. Burdick, S. J. Lott, grades. L. A. Williams, F. P. Bennett, swine. L. S. Ely, D. P. Little, H. C. Finn, poultry. Mrs. T. S. Brown, turkeys. E. E. Mosher, ducks. A. M. Leslie, geese. William Birdsall, B. C. Horton, grain. James Cameron, F. W. Sheldon, E. A. Smith, fruit. Clarence Pratt, W. S. Sophia, W. M. Gavitt, E. G. Lee, vegetables. C. E. Snyder, Mrs. E. E. Titus, dairy jar butter. Mae Estabrook, wheat bread. Mrs. W. L. Sterling, Indian bread. Mrs. Archie Pratt, loaf cake.

F. W. Dean, W. R. Cobb, honey. Clara Caswell, Mrs. A. W. Brundage, Mrs. H. Van Buskirk, Mrs. Nelvin Empet, Mrs. W. C. Gow, Alma Goodrich, Mrs. C. H. Rose, canned goods and jellies.

Mrs. S. J. Estabrook, Mrs. T. E. Penny, Mrs. I. A. Sweet, Mrs. J. W. Bolles, domestics. Children under 12: Leah Dixon, Esther Banker

Mary E. Sayre, Mrs. E. M. Tiffany, Lou. Rogers, Mrs. D. R. Lathrop, Mrs. John Dixon, Mrs. C. M. Brewster, Mrs. W. M. Van Cott, Mary M. Hanna, Mrs. W. C. Cruser, Mrs. O. D. Roberts, Mrs. E. L. Tiel, Mrs. H. J. Tiffany, needlework.

Lillian Backus, Jessie Gillespie, Mrs. J. E. Barney, M. An-

draws, paintings. Clara Lindsey, floral design. Mrs. W. L. Thacher, geological collection.

School Exhibit: Violet Rose, Bertha Wall, maps. Homer Cobb, Mary Titus, penmanship under 8 years. Florence Coutant, Isoline Cobb, under 12. Graded: Edith Rogers, Vida Little, maps. Earl Whiting, 14th Congressional District. Helen Cruser, Louise Tiffany, social letter. Lillie Steere, Knox Tingley, General Grant's work. Edith Rogers, Diamond Rose, sketch G. A. Grow. Helen Moore, Marion Stearns, penmanship under 8. Alta Ely, May Benjamin, under 12.

Special premiums: B. F. Jones, largest and best herd of cattle. A. E. Robinson, A. C. Salisbury, team starting heaviest load. Mrs. Harry L. Ellsworth, assortment bake stuff. W. M. Gavitt, wagon loaded with farm produce. F. E. Moore, A. C. Salisbury, tallest corn.

*Ind. Republican*, Oct. 2. The recent Fair was one of the most successful ever held, as the one most largely attended. The exposition gratified to the fullest extent the desires of all present, each class of agricultural and domestic productions being well filled. The balloon ascension was not as successful as it otherwise would have been had the weather conditions been different; a strong wind forcing the inflated sphere into a tree, and the æronaut, in order to save himself, was obliged to grasp the branches and lower himself by means of them to the ground. An approximate estimate of the number of people on the grounds places it at over 5,000, while the receipts were about \$1,300.

*Advertiser*, Oct. 3. The forty-sixth annual exhibit was a success in every sense. Large in almost every department. Especial mention of the large display of fine horses and cattle. All exhibitors of fancy work are to be commended for the taste shown in selecting the many articles, and in the artistic way in which they were arranged.

Bullard's Band gave good music and plenty of it.

Receipts amounted to nearly \$1,800. Thus Harford maintains its record for at least once in the year, giving the people



a day kept in remembrance until time rolls around, bringing with it another annual Fair.

*Susquehanna Journal.* Two Harford men are facing the situation of \$100 fine and 30 days' imprisonment for selling beer and whiskey without license, near Harford Fair Grounds during the recent Fair.

Secretary Jones: Nine men at Fair who had been principals of Harford Graded School: Prof. G. A. Stearns, Prof. E. S. P. Hine, Prof. C. H. Osborne, Prof. H. S. Sweet, Prof. B. W. Pease, Prof. Berton Smith, Prof. W. L. Thacher. This list is probably correct as far as it goes.

Our diary: Sept. 23. At 5 A. M., 46. Clear. Good signs. Wife and I off for Fair. She has four articles; I take corn in ear, and "tallest" corn. Ball play. Home at 4 P. M. Circle around sun, 11 A. M. Haze clouds. Wind south. Predictions of rain by many. Night: Clears off. Milky way visible, 8 P. M.

Sept. 24. Mercury 50, 6 A. M. Heavy clouds. Strong north wind. Cold. 9 A. M., sunshine. A little warmer. Sun and clouds all day. Cold. Strong north wind. Wife, three premiumis. I, second on corn. Evening, very cloudy.

Feb. 1, 1904. Annual Meeting. Treasurer reported as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To balance on hand, Feb. 2, 1903.....	\$404.92	
To sale of privileges .....	207.75	
To gate receipts .....	1,423.55	
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	\$2,036.22	
By improvements .....		63.73
By expenses of Fair .....		483.21
By premiums paid .....		841.00
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		\$1,387.94
Balance in treasury, Feb. 1, 1904.....		648.28

**Officers elected:** President, George A. Stearns; Vice President, A. T. Sweet; Secretary, E. E. Jones; Treasurer, E. M. Watson; Executive Committee, 3 years, W. A. Brown; Auditors, James A. Williams, E. H. Osborn.

A general discussion followed on matters relating to the well-being of the Society. Next Fair, Sept. 28 and 29.

The forty-seventh Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 28 and 29, 1904.

Premiums offered, \$1,506.00. George Gage, Apalachin, N. Y., judge on horses. E. G. Carpenter, Waverly, Pa., on cattle. J. L. Stone, Ithaca, on cattle. Also, on sheep. Mr. Carpenter, on swine. F. H. Parsons, Greene, N. Y., on poultry. H. E. Spencer, Susquehanna, on grain. The remaining classes and divisions have the customary three judges each. Harford has 7 of these judges; New Milford, 4; Jackson, 2; Gibson, 1; Lakeside, 1; Brooklyn, 3; Lenox, 1; Clifford, 2; South Gibson, 2; Tiffany, 1; Thomson, 1; Birchardville, 1; Montrose, 4; Susquehanna, 3; Great Bend, 1; Forest City, 1; Auburn, 1.

Diplomas as well as cash are given, as heretofore, in agricultural implements, vehicles, organs, pianos, school exhibits.

Washington's work in the Revolutionary War, and a sketch of Hon. J. B. McCollum, are changes in school work.

Special premiums noticed in awards.

General Superintendent, P. M. Wilmarth. Assistant, H. W. Booth. Of Horses, John Alworth. Assistant, R. D. Fancher. Cattle, N. E. Morgan. Assistant, George Smith. Sheep and Swine, W. E. Osmun. Poultry, Leland Williams. Vegetable Hall, A. H. Mead. Assistant, C. G. Roe. Floral Hall, Mrs. C. G. Roe. School Exhibit, J. A. Sophia.

Chief of Police, John Goss.

Regulations: The twenty-four rules are always appended to premium lists, and signed by the management.

	E. J. WHITNEY,
	F. A. OSBORN,
PROF. GEO. A. STEARNS, President.	W. A. BROWN.
E. E. JONES, Secretary.	

(1) This has been an excellent season for most farm produce and cattle.

(2) An addition is being built to the dining hall, increasing the size of the kitchen, making it possible to better the service, Dinner furnished by Frank E. Carpenter.

(3) The Kingsley Cornet Band has been secured. They number twenty or more well uniformed musicians. Though but one year old, they are a success; play a good amateur program.

(4) Premium List pamphlet is issued by Transcrip-Ledger Print. Enriched by photographs. Well patronized in "ads" at home and the surrounding towns, boroughs, Binghamton, Honesdale, Scranton, Stroudsburg, Factoryville.

Announcements: World's Fair chorus of fifty voices under direction of Prof. John T. Watkins, Scranton, Pa. These are selected from the world-renowned Scranton Oratorio Society, which won the \$5,000 prize at St. Louis in July. This chorus is secured at great expense for our Fair. None ever offered a more elevating and refining attraction. The Scranton Oratorio Society is undoubtedly the best trained choir in the world.

The afternoon concert is in the open air on the Grounds. An entire change of program in the evening concert. The evening concert, admission fee, \$0.25.

#### PROGRAM FOR AFTERNOON.

"Thanks Be to God," from the oratorio "Elijah"....

*Mendelssohn*

"The Spring"—Part song ..... *Pinsati*

"Robin Adair"—Male glee..... *Buck*

"The Mighty Deep"—Bass solo..... *Jonal*

"And the Glory of the Lord"—Chorus..... *Handel*

"Charity"—Part song, ladies' choir..... *Rossini*

"Sweet and Low"—Part song..... *Barnby*

"My Country 'Tis of Thee,"—Anthem.....

"Flow Gently Deva"—Duet..... *Parry*

"I Will Extol Thee"—Soprano Solo..... *Costa*

"Comrades in Arms"—Male chorus..... *Adam*

"All Thro' the Night"—Oratorio Society.....*Welsh Air*  
"Star Spangled Banner"—Choir and audience.

(5) Poster for 1904: Pavillion crowded. Judges examining cattle. Farmer boys leading out heavy, handsome horses for inspection.

Another: Many Fair buildings, crowded. Huge cattle led out for judges. Horses and colts also. Huge porker. Superintendent on horseback. Automobile. Pavillions for ice cream, etc.

Announcements: Forty-seventh Annual Fair, Harford, Pa. Fifty World's Fair singers. Elevating, refining exhibition and entertainment.

(6) The mailing of these posters was, and is, no small task. For this year, 1904, we find eighty post-offices named; and from one to ten sent to each. All of Susquehanna County, much in Wayne County, Lackawanna, Wyoming; cities of Scranton, Binghamton; a wide field. And 1,200 premium pamphlets also! To individual addresses.

(7) The distance some of the patrons of our Fair live from it, is surprising: Miss Rebecca Slaymaker, Lancaster, Pa.; W. A. Shafer, Oneonta, N. Y.; G. W. Matterson, Farno, Wayne County; E. S. Starr, Philadelphia Ledger; A. W. Oliver, Pittston; C. A. Sickler & Bro., Wilkes-Barre.

Awards: Theron Grinnell, horses. Leland Williams, C. E. Darrow, colts. L. L. Burdick, Jerseys. Christopher Byrne, Ayrshires. F. E. Moore, Holsteins. E. D. Benjamin, Guernseys. M. L. Stevens, D. L. Stevens, Red Polled. W. W. Wilmarth & Son, G. W. Osmun, swine. J. A. Sophia, W. S. Sophia, L. L. Burdick, N. E. Morgan, Harford men, in poultry.

The nearly a column in newspaper of premiums goes to men a good way off.

Austin Darrow, Wilson Birch, grain. G. R. Resseguie, Leroy Taft, H. W. Booth, George W. Osmun, W. S. Sophia, O. C. Tingley, vegetables. Mrs. Marshall Hayden, Mrs. M. Sloat, dairy butter. Deborah Davis, wheat bread. Mrs. Archie Pratt, pies. Mrs. E. C. Peck, sugar. E. B. Smith, honey. Others than Harford the host of canned goods.

Mrs. S. J. Estabrook, Bertha Whitlock, Mrs. A. W. Brun-

dage, Louise Warriner, Mrs. J. W. Bolles, Mrs. R. J. McCausland, Mary E. Curtis, domestics. Same children under 12, again, domestics.

Mrs. A. E. Tiffany, Mrs. I. A. Sweet, Louise Sophia, Margery Andrews, Electa Potter, Mrs. H. D. Titman, Nettie E. Roe, Nora Hill, Sallie Courtright, Anna M. Cox, Mrs. B. F. McKeage, Mrs. William Jennings, Bessie Reynolds, Maude Wilcox, needlework.

Amelia Chant, Evelyn J. Lee, Mrs. G. F. Decker, paintings. Mrs. C. G. Roe, Louise Craver, crayons. Lydia Bradford, variety flowers. Mrs. T. D. McConnell, potted plants. Mrs. P. S. Heath, frame. Gussie Bogue, photos.

School Exhibit: Violet Ross, Washington's campaigns, Revolutionary War. Pearl Ransom, Ruth Raub, additions of territory to United States. Celia Miller, Agnes Maloney, penmanship under 12. Graded: Vida Little, Susie Pope, map. Ida Sterling, business forms. Harry Titus, Washington's work. Lillie Bolles, Diamond Rose, sketch of Hon J. B. McCollum. Lawrence Bertholf, Gladys Rose, penmanship under 8. Mildred Carpenter, Blanche Taylor, under 12.

Special premiums: D. L. Stevens, best and largest display of cattle. C. A. Corson, B. C. Horton, pulling contest. Mrs. C. W. Perry, assortment of bakestuff. F. E. Tingley, George W. Osmun, tallest corn.

*Independent Republican*, Sept. 30. The morning of Thursday was dark and threatening, but this did not prevent a large crowd from attending the Fair. In the afternoon the rain spoiled the enjoyment of the sightseers. The exhibits were fully up to the high standard of former years.

The Scranton Oratorio Society was the principal attraction, and fully met the expectations of the thousands of visitors. While it is to be regretted that the weather was not pleasant, the managers are to be congratulated for their efforts to make it a success.

*Advertiser*, Oct. 8. Although the weather was unfavorable, about the usual number of people were in attendance. The exhibits were fully up to the high standard of former years.

Many people came long distances to hear the singing of the Oratorio Society, and no one regretted the time and money spent, as this one attraction amply repaid all. The music rendered by the Kingsley Band was also enjoyed.

*Scranton Republican:* Yesterday was rainy day instead of visiting day at Harford Fair. It began to rain about 9 A. M., a slow, drizzling rain, not enough to keep a person indoors, but just enough to make it disagreeable, until about 3 P. M., when the rain came down in torrents, and a more soaked, bedraggled set of people were never seen at a fair.

Nearly 5,000 braved the threatening clouds. It was said that if the weather had been pleasant the attendance would have been the largest ever known; at least 10,000 being expected; the Oratorio Society proving a great drawing card. The exhibits were probably the finest ever seen in this part of the State. . . . Even the fakirs who were displaying their goods, from \$10 rugs to 5 cent articles, were not allowed on the grounds; the only articles for sale being whips and canes.

*Susquehanna Ledger:* The many similar fairs held in the vicinity during the previous week and the one upon the same date in the neighboring city of Binghamton did not seem to diminish the interest or to a perceptible degree diminish the attendance. Rain and mud did not retard the work of getting the exhibits into condition, and nearly everything was in apple pie order, in time for the judges.

All seemed determined to enjoy themselves in defiance of the ugly wather and were a jolly, good-natured crowd. . . . At four o'clock it came in an old-fashioned thunder storm, and in a few moments the grounds were transferred into a sea of water and mud. At 5 P. M. the Grounds were practically deserted, and Harford Fair was a thing of the past.

Our diary: Sept. 28. At 5 A. M., 54 degrees. Very cloudy. Slowly clears off. Warm. To the Fair Ground with our exhibits. Very pleasant. Mr. ——— said, "A pleasant morrow sure. Barometer going up." Everybody in best of spirits.

Many on ground. Ball game. Harford and S. Gibson boys. Night: Stars. Cool. Signs good.

Sept. 29. At 5 A. M., 57. Very cloudy. Wind southwest. Almost chilly. Small, misty rain. Heard two very sweet selections by the Kingsley Band. The Welsh chorus sing nicely. Short visits with seventeen old friends. 3:30. Shower. Start for home in rain. Oh! it poured! Night: Rains.

The wonderful Welsh chorus gave their concert the same evening in the Congregational Church. The attendance was not large. The heavy shower late in the afternoon and rain again at night, was certain to deter very many. To be deeply regretted. When the grand creations of Haydn, Handel, Mendelssohn are rehearsed in our very midst, oh! that the soul might feast for once. No such singing ever before was heard in Harford.

Feb. 6, 1905. Annual meeting. In Odd Fellows' Hall, as usual. President George A. Stearns in the Chair. Treasurer reported as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To balance on hand, Feb. 1, 1904.....	\$648.28	
To sale of privileges.....	251.85	
To gate receipts . . . . .	1,038.85	
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	\$1,938.98	
By improvements . . . . .		\$122.16
By expenses of Fair . . . . .		674.91
By premiums paid . . . . .		819.00
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		\$1,616.07
Balance in treasury, Feb. 6, 1905., . . . .		322.91

Officers elected: President, George A. Stearns; Vice President, A. T. Sweet; Secretary, E. E. Jones; Treasurer, E. M. Watson; Executive Committee, 3 years, H. S. Estabrook; Auditors, W. B. Guile, H. M. Lindsey.

The interests of the Fair were discussed at some length, and

suggestions made for next Fair to be held Sept. 27 and 28, 1905.

The Forty-eighth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 27 and 28, 1905.

Premiums offered, \$1,426.25. S. H. Gorman, Scranton, judge on horses. W. A. Alexander, Union Springs, N. Y., on cattle. W. M. Benninger, Benningers, Pa., on cattle. Mr. Alexander also on sheep. Mr. Benninger also on swine. F. H. Parsons, Greene, N. Y., on poultry. S. C. Sliter, Uniondale, on grain.

Special premiums noticed in awards. Included in them is one of \$3.00 and \$2.00, offered by W. C. Crusier, Montrose. Mr. Crusier offered these also in 1904. Mr. C. H. Ely offered also.

H. D. Titman, Montrose, offers \$2.00. C. H. Chamberlin, Harford, \$3.00, for best plowing by boys under 16. And \$2.00 for second. This plowing match to be on Fair Ground farm, Wednesday. W. S. Sophia offers \$3.00 for best assortment of bakestuff by girl under 15. And \$2.00 for second.

In School Exhibit a sketch of President Roosevelt is required.

General Superintendent, P. M. Wilmarth. Assistant, H. W. Booth. Of Horses, John Alworth. Assistant, R. D. Fancher. Cattle, N. E. Morgan. Assistant, George Smith. Sheep and Swine, W. E. Osmun. Poultry, Leland Williams. Vegetable Hall, A. H. Mead. Assistant, Harry Ellsworth. Assistant, Mrs. C. G. Roe. Floral Hall, Prof. J. A. Sophia. Assistant, Fred Chamberlin.

Chief of Police, John Goss.

Regulations: The twenty-four rules are guides for exhibitors, judges, and the public.

F. A. OSBORN,  
W. A. BROWN.  
H. S. ESTABROOK.

PROF. GEO. A. STEARNS, President.  
E. E. JONES, Secretary.



(1) The dining hall under management of Roberts, of Jackson, who has an enviable reputation as caterer.

(2) Deputy Attorney-General of Pennsylvania, Frederick R. Fleitz will make the address. One of the very best speakers in the State.

(3) The united bands of Halstead will furnish music. The union of these two most excellent bands makes one that cannot be beaten in this region.

(4) Poster: Harford Fair. (Immense letters and date.) Another: Fair Ground in the distance. Immense pile of fruits, vegetables, farm products. Pleasant little maiden, seated on huge watermelon, holding aloft a bunch of grapes. She is saying, "We always take first prize." Stars and Stripes overhead.

(5) Premium List pamphlet is in the best style of printing; a beautiful souvenir. By *Transcript-Ledger* Print, Susquehanna, Pa. Its size is 6 by 9 inches. Over 50 pages, not including four fullpage photos. On its title page the dates 1858-1905, head the print. The articles, animals, etc., named for premiums, also figures, all through the book, are in large beautiful type. The "ads" are most beautifully and attractively displayed. A triumph of the printing art.

Laying by its side the premium list of 1887 (first one issued in 1885), nothing could better illustrate the growth and enterprise of the Harford Fair. It is  $3\frac{1}{2}$  by 6 inches in size (one-third); had nothing but articles and animals named for premiums, and in small print. It could be enclosed in a common envelope.

(6) Vicinity Fairs: Cortland, Aug. 22-25; Deposit, Aug. 22-25. Whitney's Point, Aug. 29-Sept. 1. Delhi, Aug. 29-Sept. 1. Walton, Sept. 5-8. Norwich, Sept. 5-8. Owego, Sept. 12-15. Montrose, Sept. 13-14. Greene, Sept. 12-15. Elmira, Sept. 18-22. Cooperstown, Sept. 25-27. Towanda, Sept. 26-29. Oneonta, Sept. 18-21. Binghamton, Sept. 26-29. Afton, Sept. 26-29. Lawton, Sept. 6-7. Harford, Sept. 27-28.

Awards: F. E. Moore, B. D. Sherwood, W. W. Wilmarth, horses and colts. E. E. Titus, Jerseys. O. J. Jackson; R. D.

Capron, grades. L. Coleman, C. H. Chamberlin, Ayrshires. W. C. Cruser, Holsteins. W. H. Richardson, grades. O. J. Jackson, Guernseys. W. H. Tingley, sheep. L. A. Williams, grades. W. W. Wilmarth, W. E. Osmun, swine.

C. H. Van Gorder, J. A. Sophia, F. A. Osborn, J. W. Bolles, W. H. Sherwood, W. H. Van Cott, Ray Osborn, E. D. Smith, poultry.

Austin Darrow, Winifred Forsyth, F. A. Osborn, grain.

F. A. LaBar, G. R. Resseguie, fruit.

N. H. Wilmarth, A. E. Tiffany, W. S. Sophia, J. W. Bolles, vegetables.

E. E. Finn, creamery butter. G. R. Resseguie, Mrs. U. Sloat, dairy butter. Mrs. R. L. Gere, wheat bread. Mrs. B. F. Hine, Indian bread. Mrs. Walter Maynard, raised biscuit. Mrs. H. N. Tiffany, pie.

Mrs. C. H. Stearns, Mrs. F. A. La Bar, Mrs. N. G. Morgan, Mrs. G. A. Stearns, Mrs. W. M. Gavitt, canned goods.

C. H. Van Gorder, W. H. Van Cott, agricultural implements. B. H. Tiffany, cream separator.

Mrs. S. J. Lott, Electa Potter, Mrs. Robert Manson, Mrs. C. G. Roe, Jessie Gillespie, Mrs. T. P. Warren, Carrie Marsh, Mrs. William Usher, domestics. Leah Dixon, Lillian Rose, Diamond Rose, domestics, under 12 years.

Mrs. Ernest W. Sipple, Mrs. H. Andrews, Mrs. Bertha Whitlock, Nora Hill, Mrs. A. J. Gere, Mrs. W. L. Sterling, Mrs. W. S. Edgar, needlework.

Mrs. S. Randall, Mrs. E. M. Tiffany, Lillian Byram, Bessie Reynolds, Mrs. George A. King, painting. Mrs. P. S. Heath, Lillian Byram, crayons. Bessie Senior, floral design. G. N. Tingley, geological collection.

School Exhibit: Lloyd Fancher, Ruth Raub, maps. Edith Rogers, social letter. Mary L. Potter, Lola Van Housen, penmanship under 8. Dorothy Wademan, Leda Adams, under 12. Graded: Josephine Carpenter, 14th Cong. Dist. Gladys Rose, drawing. Frances Ely, Mary Caterson, penmanship under 8. Mabel Bookstaver, Lawrence Bertholf, under 12. Teachers: Velma Little, best report of Institute.

Special premiums: L. B. Miller, herd of cattle. Ernest Horton, Jay Lindsey, pulling contest. Mrs. F. A. La Bar, as-

sortment bakestuff. Mrs. H. L. Ellsworth, second. D. J. Thomas, tallest corn. James Mahoney, \$3.00 from W. C. Crusier. Lillian Rose, Edith Gavitt, Beth Stearns, \$6.00 from W. S. Sophia.

*Ind. Republican*, Sept. 29. Attendance at the Fair yesterday is estimated at between 4,500 and 5,000. Gate receipts, \$1,300. Total receipts, about \$1,450. Exhibits were all good; the cattle and poultry exhibits being especially good. Fleitz's speech, the music by the Hallstead Band, the ideal weather, and in fact all connected with the Fair was conducive only to the pleasure of those attending.

*Advertiser*, Oct. 7. The Fair was blessed with its usual fine weather. It has come to be proverbial that the week that "Fair Ground Hill" is open for the annual gathering, that the management is quite sure of having the bright September sunshine and balmy air. It is, really remarkable, the number of fine days this Fair has encountered in the forty-eight years of its history.

Without any stock or agricultural exhibits, without even any of the old-time features, the people for miles around would go to the Harford Fair, just for the pleasure of the reunion, the fraternal and old home features, which have been the prime factors in making this Fair distinctively successful all these years, when so many other agricultural fairs have failed or are on the wane. Harford has never depended on outside attractions for success. They are, and always have been simply adjuncts. Fair Ground Hill is a place of natural advantages. Its native forests and grove have been good dividend-paying stock, for they are very beautiful and inviting. The grounds are easily reached from the town; the soil of the park dries off quickly after a shower; the athletic and exhibition grounds are spacious and smooth, and the accommodations for hitching teams are ample.

The harvest being over, the crops are found to be bountiful, and all on Thursday last were ready to enter into the "harvest home" spirit, and have a grand good time. It is always a pleasure to see such a good natured lot of people as gathered

last week, and the interesting study of human nature amply repays one for attending. . . .

It was late in the afternoon when the crowd thinned out and Harford's forty-eighth Fair and "Harvest Home" were ended.

*Susquehanna Ledger*: The Harford Fair is hardly big enough to wear gracefully the title of "exposition," but it is the largest rural fair in Northern Pennsylvania, and thousands yearly find it fine to be there with all the other folks and see it. Those who did not attend missed one of the delights of the year. . . . 1907 will be the fiftieth anniversary of its founding, and will be fittingly observed.

(1) The Fair, as usual, brought many former dwellers in Harford to our pleasant Village. The day was ideal. The gathering large.

(2) The first day of the Fair our boys crossed bats with the Brooklyn boys. Score of 17 to 3 in favor of Harford.

Our diary: Sept. 27. At 5 A. M., 35. Clear, but heavy clouds. Clouds up. Wind south. What will the morrow be? Clears off. Warm sunshine. Wind west. Night: Stars.

Sept. 28. At 5 A. M., 45. Clear. Very foggy. Teams passing early for Fair. Very many. 9 A. M. Warm sunshine. Too sick to attend. Warm, delicious sunshine. Night: A perfect day for the Fair.

And here we must say good-bye to the Secretary who for thirteen years has attended to all the details of the Harford Agricultural Society. As the writer examines the lists, awards, notes, pamphlets, posters; and finds all the books, bills, correspondence, etc., etc., safely preserved in boxes, and labelled, year by year, he can only express his admiration for the unceasing vigilance, enormous clerical work, immense correspondence, and the ever watchful eye that has been at the helm. The work of his predecessor was to be praised; his own is on a plane above. Has anyone a greater love and care for the Harford Fair than E. E. Jones? But he goes up higher. We

have made him its President. And the people have made him an "Honorable."

Feb. 5, 1906. Annual Meeting. President George A. Stearns in the Chair. Treasurer reported as follows:

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To balance in Treasury, Feb. 6, 1905....	\$322.91	
To gate receipts .....	1,275.75	
To receipts from privileges, baggage.....	233.85	
To receipts from other sources.....	11.90	
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	\$1,844.41	
By improvements . . . . .		82.11
By premiums paid . . . . .		791.50
By expenses of Fair . . . . .		466.08
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		\$1,339.69
Balance in treasury, Feb. 5, 1906.....		504.72

Officers elected: President, E. E. Jones; Vice President, George A. Stearns; Secretary, H. S. Estabrook; Treasurer, James A. Williams; Executive Committee, 3 years, A. R. Grant; 2 years, F. A. Osborn. Auditors, Harry Miller, Dr. C. A. Johnston.

On motion, the President, Vice President, and Secretary were elected a committee to confer with W. L. Thacher, and collect data, etc., for the Semi-Centennial in 1907; after which a lively interest was awakened in regard to attractions, in which the sentiment brought forth favored making the exhibits the principal attraction of our next Fair. Date Sept. 19 and 20.

The Forty-ninth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 26 and 27, 1906.

Premiums offered, \$1,432.75. H. S. Gorman, Scranton, judge on horses. George L. Ferris, W. M. Benninger, on cattle. Mr. Ferris (Atwater), on sheep. Mr. Benninger (Ben-



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ninger's, Pa.), on swine. F. H. Parsons, Greene, N. Y., on poultry. W. D. Tobias, South Gibson, on grain. J. C. Wells, Dundaff, on fruit. The other classes and divisions have the usual three judges.

Red Polled cattle are omitted.

In School Exhibit, a sketch of Booker T. Washington is required.

Special premiums noticed in the awards.

Messrs. Cruser and Titman, Montrose, offer cash premiums. The *Farm Journal*, Pratt Food Co., offer many premiums also.

General Superintendent, P. M. Wilmarth. Assistant, H. W. Booth. Of horses, John Alworth. Assistant, R. D. Fancher. Cattle, N. E. Morgan. Assistant, E. F. Barnard. Sheep and Swine, W. E. Osmun. Poultry, Leland Williams. Vegetable Hall, A. H. Mead. Assistant, Harry Ellsworth. Assistant, Mrs. C. G. Roe. Floral Hall, E. H. Osborn.

Chief of Police, Jerry Robbins.

Regulations: Exhibitors must have admission tickets as all others. The Society here inserts a proviso that, if the proceeds of the Fair are not sufficient to pay the premiums in full, they will be paid pro rata.

B. F. HINE,  
F. A. OSBORN,  
A. R. GRANT.

E. E. JONES, President.

H. S. ESTABROOK, Secretary.

(1) The determination of the Harrisburg authorities to stop gambling at fairs does not affect Harford. We never tolerated it.

(2) Mr. A. M. Cornell, of Bradford Co., lecturer of the State Grange, will deliver the address.

(3) Posters: Large photos of poultry cages and fowls; and handsome cattle led out to the judges.

Another: Pretty lady dismounted from a noble horse. Her arm around a fine cow's neck. Pet sheep waiting for her recognition.



Another: Pretty lady holding up a nice apple. Attentive boys and girls in her company. All at the Fair.

Another: The heads of two beautiful horses, harnessed and ready. Noble animals!

(4) Premium List pamphlet: Finest yet issued. Two photos of the crowd, two of the buildings. Tasteful "ads."

Preface: For forty-nine years the Harford Fair has maintained the spirit of its founders in providing a clean, uplifting exhibition along strictly agricultural lines. It is the ambition of the present management to maintain this high standard, and, keeping abreast of the times, to improve year by year, that the Harford Fair may continue to be a great educational influence in this progressive agricultural section of our State.

(Signed)

YOUR OFFICERS.

(5) The Kingsley Concert Band will furnish music. This Band is now under the instruction of Mr. C. M. Sutton, of the First Regiment Band, Binghamton. He will lead the band at the Fair.

Program: "New Colonial," march. "Cilcothian," medley overture, march. "Love's Rest," serenade. "Fairy Dreams," waltz. "Lake Front," march. "Wetsol," college life, song and dance. "In the Lead," march. "Priscilla," march.

Instrumentation: Front section, left to right: H. Ren. Whitman, first trombone. T. A. Capron, second trombone. H. N. Tiffany, Eb bass. Arthur Tingley, Eb bass.

Second section or horn section: George C. Finn, solo alto. H. A. Bullard, first alto. S. J. Van Loan, second alto. F. D. Wilmarth, baritone.

Third section or reed section: Earl Warren, solo clarinet. Charlie Davandale, solo clarinet. Dan Farley, first clarinet. W. W. Adams, second clarinet.

Fourth section or lead section: Clarence Sutton, director, solo cornet. W. W. Sloat, solo cornet. Lew. Wilmarth, solo cornet. John Coddington, Eb. cornet. Ralph Whitman, first cornet. John Bisbee, first cornet. Jesse Wilmarth, second cornet.

Fifth section, or battery section: F. C. Whitman, bass drum. Phil. Farley, snare drum.

## Postponement:

Owing to yesterday's heavy downpour, the Fair was postponed to Tuesday, Oct. 2. The entries already made will remain the same, and entry books will be open until Monday night. The postponement will necessarily increase expenses. Let everyone work to make the Fair a success.

Several who came from a distance were very much disappointed at the Fair's adjournment, as they had made extra efforts to be here to greet friends, and could not remain over.

Awards: E. D. Allen, James Mahoney, E. B. Norris, colts. W. H. Richardson, gelding. E. F. McConnell, Jerseys and grades. C. H. Chamberlin, Ayrshires. W. W. Wilmarth & Sons, Frank Strang, Holstein grades. R. F. Tanner, Guernsey grades. E. F. McConnell, Frank Strang, swine.

W. H. Sherwood, Leghorns. H. N. Tiffany, game bantams. E. F. Tiffany's name occurs twenty-six times in poultry. The awards are nearly a column long.

A. O. Stockholm, sunflowers. M. W. Force, corn; F. M. Sheldon, buckwheat.

Edwin Quick, pears. E. B. Smith, grapes. E. W. Osmun, E. F. Barnard, G. R. Resseguie, W. S. Sophia, Mrs. George Van Loan, George W. Osmun, vegetables.

F. T. Williams, Mrs. E. E. Titus, dairy butter. Mrs. Martha Packard, wheat bread. Mrs. Alma Chamberlin, mince pie. Mrs. J. M. Watson, berry pie. Mrs. W. C. Gow, maple sugar.

Alma Goodrich, Mrs. Norris Aldrich, Mrs. C. H. Stearns, Mrs. F. A. La Bar, Mrs. J. W. Watson, Mrs. W. H. Richardson, Mrs. A. A. Reynolds, Mrs. W. C. Gow, canned goods.

C. H. Van Gorder, W. H. Van Cott, many agricultural implements.

W. H. Estabrook, cabinet work. Mrs. W. S. Withers, inlaid work. A. H. Mead, stoves. Harford Dairy Co., cream separator. W. W. Pope, ladder.

Mrs. R. A. Manson, Mrs. H. L. Ellsworth, woolen yarn. Mrs. J. W. Bolles, Mrs. Ella Corson, bedspread.

Diamond Rose, Leah Dixon, patchwork. Diamond Rose, dressed doll. Same, darning, all under 12 years.

Mrs. Joseph E. Barney, Mrs. J. W. Bolles, Mrs. David Andrews, Mrs. Daniel Sayre, Bessie Senior, Mrs. A. J. Gere, Mrs. O. C. Whitney, Mrs. John Dixon, Mrs. H. D. Titman, Margery Andrews, Mrs. R. A. Manson, Louise Sophia, Carrie Marsh, Mrs. W. L. Sterling, needlework.

Mrs. F. B. Titus, Carrie Marsh, Mrs. T. E. Terwilliger, Lillian Byram, Deborah Davis, Mrs. Joseph E. Barney, Olive Usher, painting. Clyde Coleman, crayon. Velma Little, pencilling. Clara Lindsey, floral design. Mrs. J. W. Bolles, potted plants. Kate Quinlan, shell work. Lydia Bradford, photos.

School Exhibit: Bessie Lake, W. Hugh Jones, 14th Cong. District. Sarah Hollister, Lloyd Fancher, Grants' campaigns. Robert Clough, Bernice Tingley, penmanship under 8 years. Gladys McNamara, Karl Mead, under 12.

Graded: Diamond Rose, William Usher, Lillian Rose, maps. Marion Stearns, Marion Osborn, story under 11. Guy Davis, business forms. Ethel Gavitt, Clarence Van Horn, sketch of Booker T. Washington. Frances Ely, Edna Osborn, penmanship under 8. Marguerite Lewis, Mary Tiffany, under 12.

Teachers: Lillian Byram, Madeline Lewis, best report of County Institute.

Special: L. B. Miller, best herd. C. A. Corson, J. L. Johnson, pulling contest. Mrs. F. A. La Bar, bakestuff. Mrs. A. W. Ellsworth, Mrs. William Humphrey, quick harnessing of horse. James Mahoney, the offer of W. C. Crusier.

*Farm Journal* gives 18 subscriptions for premiums. Pratt Food Co., 14 premiums of animal food.

*Ind. Republican*, Oct. 5. The Harford Fair was fairly well attended on Tuesday, despite the postponement, and the rather unfavorable weather. The exhibits were good, but not equal to what would have been had the original plans of the management been carried out; and was indeed remarkably successful considering the many discouraging conditions. The gate receipts were \$870. Total receipts, \$1,000.

went to Harford Fair  
photo album

Our diary: Sept. 26. Some clouds. Red in east. 10 A. M. Wind south, strong. Noon: Blowing up storm fast. Night: Spatters!

Sept. 27. At 6 A. M., 60. Raining slowly. Oh! the disappointment of thousands. Very little travel. 10 A. M. Stops. Noon: Clears off! Warm sunshine. Said the letter carrier at 4 P. M., "Fair adjourned to Tuesday." Many present, afternoon.

Oct. 2. At 6 A. M., 50. Cloudy. Wind south. What for the fair? Old Elk's head is hidden. People going to Fair. Spatters! 11 A. M. People still going. Almost sunshine. 5 P. M. Very cloudy. No rain on Fair.

*Advertiser*, Oct. 5. The second edition of Harford Fair closed very gradually Tuesday afternoon. When the day crept in over the eastern horizon it brought with it great bunches of threatening clouds, while at intervals a few drops of rain descended to mother earth. Notwithstanding the clouds and rain, people commenced their journey toward Harford, and as the day progressed and old Sol proceeded to push the clouds back and smile upon the world in its Autumn tints the visitors increased, so that by the time the gong sounded for dinner nearly two thousand tickets had been sold.

Anyone who has ever attended the Fair can see it as it was Tuesday, with its crowds carrying baskets of good things to eat, the nice horses, the fat cattle, the poultry, the fancy goods, the big pumpkin pie, etc.

Then there was the tintype man taking pictures of the blushing maiden or the old couple "who don't come to town very much," or "the new baby" who can make up more faces than a circus clown.

Then there was the long, lean man, his wife, three children, grandma, caring for baby; groups of old ladies "telling how they felt," and the "men behind the plow," discussing the crops, the weather, and politics. And it is just this visiting,

this handshaking, this sharing of luncheons and ideas that have endeared the annual gatherings at that place.

As usual the grounds were free from fakes, the officials were very attentive and the attendance happy.

## CHAPTER IX

### FAIR OF 1907—SEMI-CENTENIAL CELEBRATION

Feb. 4, 1907. Annual meeting. President Hon. E. E. Jones in the chair.

Treasurer reported as follows:

To balance on hand, Feb. 5, 1906.....	\$504.72
To amount from privileges.....	124.71
To gate receipts, 1906.....	870.40
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	\$1,499.83
By improvements and repairs.....	\$149.60
By expenses of Fair, 1906.....	414.41
By premiums paid, 1906.....	810.00
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	\$1374.01
Balance on hand, Feb. 4, 1907.....	125.82

Session in Odd Fellows' Hall. Good attendance and much enthusiasm.

Officers elected: President, Hon. E. E. Jones; Vice President, Superintendent George A. Stearns; Secretary, H. S. Estabrook; Treasurer, James A. Williams; Executive Committee, 3 years, F. D. Wilmarth; Auditors, H. E. Miller, Dr. H. H. Hooven. Executive Committeeman F. A. Osborn tendered his resignation, but it was unanimously voted that he continue his term.

The committee appointed to confer with W. L. Thacher in regard to writing a history of the Society, reported that Mr. Thacher was working on it. Motion made and carried that the work be published in pamphlet or book form as soon as possible after the coming Fair of 1907, and that the prospectus be on exhibition at the Fair, and orders taken for the book at that time.

Carried. That we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of this

Fair in a proper manner. Carried. That we celebrate the 4th of July at Fair Ground this year for the benefit of the Society. That the Executive Committee be empowered to start the ball rolling for the celebration. Amended: That all the officers be on this committee. Further amended: That the committee proceed to appoint committees needed for the celebration.

Date of Fair, Sept. 25 and 26.

Nearly every one arose when asked how many present were willing to act on committees for the celebration. And we trust that all citizens of Harford and vicinity will respond as willingly.

Feb. 18. Fair officers met to appoint committees for July 4th. Professor Stearns, F. D. Wilmarth, P. M. Wilmarth, W. S. Sophia, H. S. Estabrook were made committee on program. Appointment of a general committee by school districts: Tiffany's: A. E. Tiffany, F. P. Tingley, L. E. Wilmarth. Richardsons' Mills: F. E. Moore, W. D. Pease. Sweet's: W. C. Wescott, R. A. Manson, George R. Tiffany. Very's: H. Lee Jones, A. M. Hawley, E. F. McConnell. Center: E. H. Osborn, E. J. Whitney, George Sweetser. East Hill: John Hill, P. A. Harding. East Harford: B. E. Tallman. South Harford: J. M. Alworth, Clarence Tiffany. Tingley's: E. M. Tingley, M. F. Tingley. Oakley's: C. L. Snyder. Read's: Arthur Harding, W. G. Smith, James Gillespie. Kingsley: W. W. Sloat, W. W. Adams. Three appointed from each district, but some did not serve. Their principal work was canvassing, and delivering provisions, and collecting cash for the purchase of meat.

March 1. Meeting of program committee. Decided on a ball game. E. H. Osborn to procure the teams and have charge of the game. A parade of Fantastics under E. H. Osborn. Athletic contests: G. A. Stearns, E. M. Watson, Dr. H. H. Hooven. Dining hall put in hands of Executive Committee. A chorus of fifty voices under Professor Sophia. Fair Farm hall to be secured for dancing.

March 8. General meeting of Fair officers, committees, citi-

zens. Good attendance. Questions of admittance, speakers, provisions, dinner, fireworks, band, etc., considered. Dining hall and stands to be managed in the interest of the Society by the Executive Committee, and volunteer work expected. E. H. Osborn submitted a program for the day. W. L. Thacher reported on his progress with the history—"Harford Fair." Much interest was manifested. President Jones to secure speaker. The Athletic contests to have first and second prizes; the ball game to be arranged for the afternoon. Treasurer James A. Williams to be solicitor for fund for fireworks. Also E. H. Osborn and Lew. Wilmarth. Executive Committee, committee on band. Ice cream to be managed by W. C. Westcott and W. A. Brown. The stands by E. J. Whitney, H. E. Miller. Hot candy, B. F. Hine. The hall and dancing, F. P. Tingley, A. M. Hawley, and W. H. Gow. The barn and stabling, Leland A. Williams, John F. Lewis, Emmet R. Flint. Marshal of the Day, George R. Resseguie.

June 5. Report of Executive Committee on several matters. The Kingsley Band would serve without pay. Only soliciting committees of East Hill and East Harford reported. They had pledges from the people of a goodly amount of provisions and cash. All cheerfully donated. Professor Sophia reported. W. L. Thacher, also. He offered the services of the old Drum Corps, which were at once accepted. Discussion on many points. A good number present, and much interest.

June 26. Nearly all committees responded nobly, and the people had taken hold of the work in a business-like way. A large amount of provisions, and \$36 in cash. Fireworks, \$46.

July 3. Preparations on the ground. Committees at work. Mrs. Hugh Roberts, of Jackson, was in control of dining-hall. W. L. Thacher put all the posters of the Fair, back to 1892, and premium books from 1885, on the walls of Vegetable Hall. They reached nearly around the building, and were a striking panorama of its life and increasing prosperity. Committees on canvassing were delivering provisions from all parts of the township. Signs of the weather were right, and everyone was



in good spirits. We talked a few moments at 5 P. M. with President Jones. His voice was animated, and his eyes bright with expectancy. What lay very near his heart for months promised good fruitage.

July 4. At 4 A. M. mercury 46. Clear, cold. At 7 A. M. bright sunshine. At 9:30 the Fantastics organized in the Village under the efficient leadership of E. H. Osborn, himself the cutest one in the lot. The whole set were a laughable spectacle. Headed by the Drum Corps and a load of girls in white, singing, the parade moved around the Village, and up the hill to the Fair Ground. Two of the Drum Corps, Geo. W. Peck, fifer, and W. L. Thacher, snare drummer, were playing together fifty years ago. Bert Tallman, bass drummer, much younger, came into this Corps fifteen years ago. The Kingsley Concert Band also gave two selections while the parade was in town.

The grounds were soon lively with people, who were constantly increasing in number. Fair officers were at work in the dining-hall. Committees took their places at the stands. Sleeves rolled up, the workers dropped into their places, for unselfish service; all in the interest of our Fair.

The games came on at 11 A. M. The Drum Corps and Band enlivened these athletic contests. In the Potato race George LaBarr was first; Howard Davis, second; George Chamberlin, third. In the wheelbarrow race, George LaBarr, first; Walter Hoppe, second; Carl Robbins, third. In the Standing jump, Walter Hoppe, first; George LaBarr, second; Carl Robbins, third. In the Running jump, George LaBarr, first; Walter Hoppe, second; Glenn Little, third. In the Hundred-yard dash, Walter Hoppe, first; Glenn Little, second; Ed. Allen, third. The first winners were given \$1.00, the second winners \$0.50.

The dinner hour found a crowd that quickly filled every table, and kept them so till 1:30 P. M.

The Fair officers were asked to fill the Speaker's stand, and their photos secured.—Plate VII. F. A. Osborn, F. D. Wilmarth, A. R. Grant, left to right, sitting; J. A. Williams, H. S. Estabrook, E. E. Jones, G. A. Stearns, standing, left to right.



PLATE VII.—SPEAKERS' STAND—OFFICERS OF SOCIETY.



PLATE VIII.—SECRETARY'S OFFICE—SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT.



The Secretary's office, where so much business is annually done, with its workers, Secretary H. S. Estabrook and daughter, Miss Elizabeth Estabrook, assistant, came next.—Plate VIII.

President E. E. Jones called to order at 2 p. m. He thanked the people for their generosity and willingness to work. All this was for the Fair, our Fair; to put money in the treasury, lost through the rainy day of last September, to make the approaching Fair, the fiftieth, a creditable one, a glorious celebration.

Prof. Rider, of our High School, gave us the Declaration of Independence in a clear voice. W. L. Thacher spoke ten minutes on the Fair that had endured fifty years, and the contemplated history of it. Paul Sherwood, Esq., Wilkes-Barre, followed with an excellent address, closely listened to, and most favorably commented upon by many. (See Chap X.)

Mingled with this program, Prof. Sophia's chorus of fifty voices gave admirable selections, in fine training. We have heard nothing better; not even the Welsh singers. Their "Star Spangled Banner" set our pulses and patriotism throbbing.

The following is the personnel of this chorus: Sopranos: Mrs. H. W. Booth, Mrs. Mason Tingley, Mrs. F. D. Wilmarth, Mrs. O. J. Jackson, Mrs. John Watson, Mrs. L. D. Mead, Mrs. E. H. Osborn, Misses Edna Payne, Vida Little, Maud Darrow, Elizabeth Estabrook, M. Andrews, Katharine Little, Jennie Little, Frances Darrow, Clara Lindsey, Ethel Lott, Lena Hard, Mildred Forsyth, Bessie Forsyth, Mary Gow, Gladys Allen, Belle Jean Millard.—Altos: Mrs. H. E. Miller, Mrs. L. E. Wilmarth, Misses Velma Little, J. Andrews, Helen Booth, Lillian Tingley.—Tenors: E. M. Tingley, N. C. Adams, Mason Tingley, Rev. B. L. Lyons.—Basses: Arthur Tingley, T. M. Tingley, H. D. Tingley, U. B. Lott, A. R. Grant, E. D. Smith, Ray Smith, Glenn Little, L. D. Mead, T. Glenn Sophia.—Conductor, Prof. J. A. Sophia; Accompanist, Miss Eva A. Sophia.—Orchestra: Cornets: Dr. H. H. Hooven, L. E. Wilmarth.—Violins: A. H. Mead, W. W. Adams.—Bass Viol: S. D. Adams.—Flute: James A. Williams.

Singers

Vegetable Hall, having a steeple and bell, has this chorus on its platform. Plate IX.

Floral Hall, with crowd and Drum Corps in front comes next.—Plate X. It will be noticed that the date is 1857. An error that was not known for years; but has never been corrected. The proper date is 1858.

The ball game—Harford *vs.* South Gibson—played late in the afternoon, gave the score, Harford 9, S. Gibson 2. We do not remember so quiet, orderly a game. No yells, or even loud talk.

Supper was served. The workers in dining hall, F. A. Osborn, F. D. Wilmarth, A. R. Grant, all the waiters and helpers, were again at their posts unselfishly. And this Executive Committee were again at work here the next day, with helpers also.

The evening's display of fireworks came on, with good weather and a moonless sky. Fair Farm hall had its dances till midnight.

The stands were abundantly patronized. The firecracker and pistol reminded us that no Fourth can be celebrated without plenty of burnt powder. Two balloons were set adrift, and so still was the air that they were followed with the eye till they became specks in the sky and disappeared. An airship also sailed away.

Every one was good natured, happy. While the attendance could not match our Annual Fairs, there were very many on the grounds. The elderly people were visiting; the young folks circulating. Many said, "This is a success." We had put almost \$400 into our treasury.

The day was all that could be desired. No signs of rain disturbed us. Sunshine all through. And it was not excessively hot and muggy.

The Log Cabin, that landmark of the Centennial, with its pleasant people in front, including two ladies from Attleboro, Mass., Mrs. Jesse Carpenter and daughter, Blanche, was photographed as Plate XI.

E. A. Smith, Heart Lake, this county, who photographed all the plates in this book, save VI., took the Band into the woods and cornered them near a ledge of rocks. They submitted very



PLATE IX.—VEGETABLE HALL—CHORUS OF SINGERS.



PLATE X.—FLORAL HALL—DRUM CORPS AND AUDIENCE.





PLATE XI.—LOG CABIN—FRIENDS AND VISITORS.



PLATE XII.—KINGSLEY CONCERT BAND.





gracefully. Plate XII. They are the same fun-loving boys that the writer has in memory forty years ago. Their selections and performance through the day were greatly enjoyed. And, too, by the writer; for to him a Band selection of rich, delicious harmony, expressive of sweet, tender thought, excels all other music. The following is the instrumentation and selections: Solo Bb Cornet and Leader, W. W. Sloat; Solo Bb, L. E. Wilmarth; Solo Bb, E. W. Osmun; First Bb, R. W. Whitman; Second Bb, Jesse Wilmarth; Bb Clarinet, W. W. Adams; Solo Alto, G. C. Finn; First Alto, S. Van Loan; Second Alto, John Fhury; Solo Trombone, J. W. Bisbee; First Trombone, T. A. Capron; First Tenor, G. Little; Baritone, F. D. Wilmarth; Eb Bass, Arthur Tingley; Eb Bass, H. N. Tiffany; Eb Bass, P. M. Wilmarth; Bass Drum, D. Fhury; Snare Drum, Phil. Farley.

Serenade: "Love's Response." March: "The New Colonial." March: "The New White House." March: "Lake Front." March: "Greeting to Bangor." March: "Water-ville." March: "The Crisis." Patriotic Airs; Favorite Hymns.

Truly the people of Harford have proved their love for its Fair in a very decided way. And did not the large assembly on the ground come to Harford rather than patronize the many other attractions in the county, because they also loved the Fair and wanted it to live? Said President Jones to the writer, "The attendance was an orderly, clean, refined one. No coarse, ruffianly person on the ground. And happy, plainly happy." Said Vice President Stearns later, "We have had a clean, elevating 4th of July celebration."

Two days afterwards the writer found the treasurer, J. A. Williams, alone in his store. He was so pleased with the success (and knew his visitor was also) that he showed him a large cigar box, crammed full of silver, and bills from \$20 down to \$1. Almost \$400. A heavy box. We all had planned, toiled, hoped, and here was our reward.

At a meeting of the Fair officers, Friday night, the following was passed:

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to all the committees

who worked so earnestly and tirelessly for the success of the celebration; also to the people generally, who responded to the call for provisions and money, by giving twice what was asked.

The sacrifice of time and substance by so many of our people made the day the great success it was.

The Fiftieth Annual Fair of the Harford Agricultural Society will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 25 and 26, 1907.

Premiums offered, \$1,429.75. In 1860, \$87.50. The names of all judges serving are included in the awards. In the School Exhibit, one change; a sketch of Thaddeus Stevens is required. The special premiums heretofore offered are still continued.

General Superintendent, P. M. Wilmarth. Assistant, H. W. Booth. Of Horses, R. D. Fanchier. Assistant, A. F. Lewis. Cattle, C. L. Tyler. Assistant, E. F. Barnard. Sheep and Swine, W. E. Osmun. Poultry, Leland Williams. Vegetable Hall, A. H. Mead. Assistant, Harry Ellsworth. Assistant, Mrs. C. G. Roe. Floral Hall, E. H. Osborn.

Chief of Police, Jerry Robbins.

Regulations: The twenty-four rules always governing the Society's management are as usual appended. Exhibitors must be on the grounds before 10:30 A. M. Thursday. Positively no article will be received after 10 o'clock that day.

F. A. OSBORN,  
A. R. GRANT,  
F. D. WILMARTH.

E. E. JONES, President.

H. S. ESTABROOK, Secretary.

Premium pamphlet issued by the *Transcript-Ledger* Print. Contains 70 pages of excellent work. The "ads" are very numerous, and in fine style. Four full-page photos; two are new ones. Worth saving for memory's sake.

Preface: Were the Harford Agricultural Society owned and controlled by a few individuals, we, its officers, would bid you a most hearty welcome to *our* coming Golden Celebration.

But the fathers who founded it, when the majority of its

present patrons and supporters were yet unborn, believed in an Agricultural Society that should be of the people, for the people, and governed by the people. The officers, all through its past history, have held true to the course pointed out by those whose good sense and judgment established it upon a firm and lasting foundation.

It is just as much *your* Fair to-day as it was the people's Fair, fifty years ago. Continued success requires the same keen interest and loyalty on your part as was manifest in the pioneers.

We therefore invite *all* to attend this coming anniversary of *your Fair* with a spirit and a determination to make this a crowning celebration, and a fitting memorial to the worthy efforts and sacrifices of its founders.

Very Sincerely,  
YOUR OFFICERS.

On page 45 are the "Attractions": Wednesday, Sept. 25th, 11 A. M., Village Cemetery. Unveiling of Monument to Rev. Lyman Richardson. Afternoon on Fair Grounds: Reunion of the friends of "Old Harford"; addresses, reminiscences, etc. Ball game. Music by the Old Harford Drum Corps.

Thursday, Sept. 26: Usual Fair. In afternoon, exercises in honor of the Founders of the Society. Addresses by Gov. Edwin S. Stuart, and Hon. John O. Sheatz. Music by Kingsley Concert Band.

Posters: Five styles issued; one, very large print. The others are in beautiful colors, with different designs. Noble, proud heads of horses and cattle. Announcement: Semi-Centennial Fair.

*Advertiser*, Sept. 13. "Mr. Thacher's history—'Harford Fair'—is being printed. Two chapters are to be added, after our Semi-Centennial is over. (Description of book.) The dedication service for Rev. Lyman Richardson's new monument will take place in the cemetery. Profs. Hine and Thacher, Scripture and prayer, and Rev. Chas. M. Tower, Oneida, N. Y., the address. In the afternoon the founders of the Society yet living, and all who were present at the first Fair, together

with those who have attended nearly every one since, will be assembled, and fitting services, short speeches from each, the order of the day. The Drum Corps will give the flavor of old-time music.

"Don't forget the Montrose Fair. Every way worthy of your presence and patronage. Then come and attend ours. Lay off two weeks in beautiful September for holidays, full of noble enjoyment, never to be forgotten."

*Montrose Democrat*, Sept. 12. "This is the Fair's golden anniversary. All who attended the earlier celebrations are especially invited to attend. Wednesday is to be of special interest to 'home comers,' and pioneers of the Fair."

*Independent Republican*, Sept. 20. "It would be a red-letter day for the founders of the Harford Fair if those living could assemble on the grounds, Sept. 25. They are: Austin Darrow, E. Collins Peck, Francis W. Richardson, Harvey Kingsbury, Amasa B. Tucker, Marshall Blanding, Seymour Hallstead, Edward J. Tyler, Joseph Richardson. The fourth and fifth live in Illinois, the sixth in Iowa, the seventh in Auburn, N. Y. The others are with us, or quite near us.

"Venerable men! And a few words from them, very interesting. They are the bridge over a half century. Some of them will surely be with us. And some who attended the first Fair, every Fair, and nearly every Fair. Likewise the earlier officers yet living.

"The afternoon of Wednesday is theirs. We shall have done honor to Rev. Lyman Richardson in the forenoon, in the cemetery. He has been dead forty years. He stood on the porch of the lecture room, the first attempt of the first Fair, and addressed the crowd on the benefits, excellence, of beginning and maintaining a Fair. He presided at its birth. What more providential than that this fiftieth Fair should stop an hour to assist in this dedication?

"All this first day seems to be a veritable 'home coming.' Full of purest enjoyment.

"Come! Bring something to exhibit. This a poor year?

Oh! it might be immensely worse. God has been good to us. The best we have in an off year is greater than the best in a good year.

"The old friends will be so glad to see you. You'll think it all over for weeks afterwards. A golden memory!"

*Susquehanna Ledger*, Sept. 19. "The Governor of Pennsylvania will be present unless prevented by an unusual amount of work at that time. Other prominent speakers are assured."

We were more than usually interested in the Montrose Fair. The weather of Tuesday, Sept. 17, was cloudy and muggy. At night, signs bad. The morn of the 18th found the wind east, and the afternoon was rainy. The 19th came in cold, very cloudy, continuing so all day. We were saddened at their disappointment, and reverses, yet theirs was not a failure. The weather is a determining factor in the history of Fairs.

#### FIRST DAY.

Monday, Sept. 23, it rained till 3 P. M. Sept. 24th the wind changed to the west, and we had sunshine; but very strong wind. Wednesday morn came in with heavy clouds flying before a fierce, cold northwest wind. But the sun would break through, and every time it brought cheer.

The dedication services in the cemetery were eminently successful. The attendance was large. The older people were many, and their enjoyment immense. Said one student, "It carried me right back to the days of Franklin Academy."

Prof. Rider, principal of our High School, brought his teachers and pupils, four departments, to the cemetery, in procession. At the close of services they marched back to the school, and were dismissed.

Vice President Stearns introduced the three principal speakers as "loved students of Lyman Richardson." Prof. Hine, in a clear voice read the first of Proverbs, a selection often heard in the chapel from our dear principal. Prof. Thacher

followed with a brief prayer. And Rev. Charles M. Tower, in an address of twenty-five minutes deeply gratified us all, with a masterly presentation of, and tribute to, the dear man who guided Franklin Academy a quarter century. (Chapter X.)

Vice President Stearns introduced Hon. Charles Heber Dickerman as one reared among us, a student of the Academy, and who, though forty years away from us, comes back to Harford often, with interest and pleasure, and financially benefits us. He introduced Hon. Rienzi Streeter as another student, whose two brothers, with himself, began that preparation that made them all so prominent men in after life; one being assistant principal of the Academy in earlier years. Both of these gentlemen gave us brief, happy remarks. (See Chapter X.)

The choir consisted of Messrs. E. M. Tingley and U. B. Lott, Miss Edna Payne and Mrs. H. E. Miller. Mrs. E. E. Jones at the organ. The selections were, "Abide With Me," and Hymn 1137, "Servant of God, Well Done!" written by Montgomery in 1825, and sung to the old tune, "Stillingfleet." Both were sweet.

Nearly the whole hour was clear sunshine; a benediction of the Father on those who delighted to honor His servant thus.

The monument is new Westerly granite, has a heavy base, a second base, the tablet (die) rising from it being inscribed with Rev. Richardson's name, birth, death, together with the faithful women that early in his life, and later in his life helped in his life work. The rear of the tablet contains the names of the six children. The monument came from Boston, John M. Leslie, agent. The neat grading and sodding of the lot, the work of our efficient sexton, Horace M. Lindsey. Mrs. Julia Tyler Estabrook superintended the unveiling, and Misses Mary Gow and May Clinton Tiffany removed the drapery.

A hearty vote of thanks came from the audience when Prof. Stearns moved it in behalf of the two who have long and

patiently labored for this monument, Mrs. W. L. Thacher, and her husband. Mrs. Thacher inaugurated, and carried to the finish, this work.

The donors to this memorial gave \$577. Accumulated interest, \$4.77. Total \$581.77.

Cost of monument, \$500. Grading, sodding lot, and other expenses, \$7.00.

The balance, \$74.77, will be invested as a perpetual fund in care of trustees of Village cemetery, the interest to keep in good order the lot, and also the one adjoining, Thomas Sweet, father-in-law of Rev. Lyman Richardson, where his first wife and two children lie.

The following is the list, in the order of their giving. The residence is named when outside of Harford.

Hon. C. H. Dickerman, Milton, Pa.; Mrs. Mary Dickerman Woodin, Berwick, Pa.; Hon. W. F. Hallstead, Scranton; Mrs. Elizabeth Thacher Noyes, Jersey City; Llewellyn E. Carpenter, Jersey City; W. L. Thacher; Seth Abel, Gibson; Mrs. Henry S. Sweet, Troy, Pa.; John M. Leslie, Susquehanna; L. M. Bunnell, Esq., Scranton; Hon. Jerome De Witt, Binghamton; Prof. E. S. P. Hine, Brooklyn, Pa.; Mrs. Eudora Very Avery; E. S. Jackson, Scranton; Watson Jeffers; Mrs. Nancy Sweet Alworth; Edgar W. Bolles, Fairdale; S. J. Adams, Kingsley; Frank P. Tingley; Mrs. Mary Leslie Gillespie; E. M. Tingley; Hon. E. E. Jones; E. M. Loomis, Kingsley; Capt. A. T. Sweet; B. F. Hine; Dr. C. A. Johnston; Mrs. Horace Sweet; Mrs. Julia Tyler Estabrook; Mrs. Henry M. Jones; Lyman Carpenter, Attleboro; O. P. Richardson, Attleboro; Mrs. Judge Williams, Wellsboro, Tioga Co.; M. A. Gardner, Carbondale; R. L. Gere, Brooklyn; W. P. Bailey, Brooklyn; Dr. W. L. Richardson, Montrose; Rev. C. M. Tower, Oneida, N. Y.; H. N. Tiffany, Tiffany, Susquehanna Co.; Rev. P. R. Tower, Thompson; Mrs. Lucy Tower Oakley; Mrs. Judge McCollum, Montrose; Dr. E. R. Gardner, Montrose; John Thacher, Attleboro.

It will be noticed that the names Carpenter, Richardson, Thacher, are repeated by men in Attleboro, Mass., who are



interested in old Harford. So the town that gave us the Nine Partners has gladly helped honor one of her sons, who gave his life service to us. Lyman Carpenter was present at this dedication. He loves Harford.

The simple slab that has marked the grave many years reads thus: "Rev. Lyman Richardson, born in Attleboro, Mass., Mar. 20, 1790. Died Oct. 1, 1867. He loved his fellow men."

At 2 P. M. President Jones assembled a goodly audience near the speaker's stand, Fair Ground. The Drum Corps had music that could call together old men. Here the founders of Harford Fair had the first place. Only three of the nine living were present:

Austin Darrow: "I was one of the seventy-six who organized this Fair. I compare the first one with the present, and the growth is marvelous. I think of that long string of oxen. No farm was complete without oxen. Is there an ox team in Harford to-day? We received a certificate for our premiums for two Fairs. No money.

"The agricultural editor of the *New York Times*, Henry Stewart, was with us one Fair. He gave a whole column report in the *Times*. He wondered if 500 would be present, and was amazed to find the ground packed with people. He closed the report by saying farmers could learn a lesson by visiting the Harford Fair. I have attended every Fair."

Seymour Hallstead: "I am one of the seventy-six, and one of the nine yet living. I helped. My thoughts, here, with you, are many. I remained in Harford until you held your first Fair on this present ground, 1868. Have been away forty years. My home is Auburn. I remember the Syracuse fair, begun in 1879. Well, the horsemen had their way; made it a horse trot, and a gambling ground.

"Your organization had spirit in it; that means success. I expect to hear good things from you yet. Your young folks must come into the work and *do it*. Stand by the Fair."

Edward J. Tyler: "I think I was the youngest of the sev-

enty-six. Remember the first Fair, and the string of oxen. (Described them.) Some peculiar things on exhibition. Have been here forty-seven times. Have been on the Executive Committee many years, but this is my first speech at the Harford Fair. I could work; they knew that; and kept me at it. Those young men in the ball play. Well, I wish they loved farming. If you, young men, are going to be ready for the Fair, to serve it, and be honored by it, you must begin now. Mr. Darrow alludes to our leveling the ground here, and seeding it. And we mowed it by hand; no machine. Mr. Darrow said in early days we could beat the machine. And can yet. I was young then; I'm young yet."

We regretted the absence of E. Collins Peck. He would have been the fourth founder and speaker. Doubtless the extreme age of the two Richardsons, resident in the county, prevented their attendance.

W. L. Thacher here remarked that in 1854, the *Susquehanna Register* had a report of the Montrose Fair judges on mowing machines. The first on exhibition. They *believed* the machines could be used in Susquehanna Co.

President Jones remarked that while he was secretary in these later years, the string of oxen had entirely disappeared. No entries. We omitted them. And the very next Fair there was a yoke from Lenox on the ground.

W. B. Guile: "I am not among the founders, but I was your secretary in 1862. And for four years. I was but a boy, but I felt honored, and did my best. Afterwards I was your President; also your Treasurer, when the gate receipts were 'high water mark.' How we talked over the 'racing' question. But we always succeeded in keeping popular favor on the right side. This Fair is to elevate the occupation of farming, and interest the farmer. I am glad to be with you to-day."

H. J. Tiffany: "I was also your secretary in the early days. Glad to be here."

President Jones here related an anecdote of Geo. L. Payne in the days of his efficient service as Executive Committee. He paid a deserved tribute to A. Lee Tiffany, secretary for seventeen prosperous years, who so ably filled the place, and was a power in all deliberations of the officers. We wish he were here, to-day.

Geo. R. Resseguie: "I am not a founder, but I was here fifty years ago. A boy then. Thirty-six years ago I became a resident of Harford. I have been your General Superintendent many years. Have also filled the highest office in your gift. I remember one Fair with snow on the ground. Others where a heavy shower could make a superintendent wet, if the others kept dry. I have attended all these Fairs, save three. I was defending the dear old Flag at the front, those years."

H. M. Lindsey, W. S. Sophia, Wm. Alexander, Hubbard Payne, have missed no Fairs in fifty years. Mr. Lindsey was with us. Mr. Payne, also.

Prof. E. S. P. Hine: "I was at the first Fair, and very many since. The strongest points of the Fair were that it kept its word, no matter how much it promised; and stormy days and low receipts made no difference.

"I have heard a rough element say, 'We don't care much for the Harford Fair.' I'm glad they do not.

"In 1854 to 1858 the *Tribune* was in almost every farmer's family. It advocated country fairs. And Jackson, Kennedy Hill, responded. Judge Burrows was a leader in the latter. And our farmers said, 'Why cannot we have a fair?' A meeting at the old Center school house; a day set; it rained; they tried again; and a lovely Indian summer day blessed them. 'Twas a good Fair, though the goods were in the Church sheds. And that 50 yoke of oxen, all red color, one end on the south bridge in the Village; the string reached up to Dr. Streeter's, and across to Mr. Patterson's; down the hill; across the north bridge; and up to Oliver Payne's tin shop."

Hon. Rienzi Streeter: "I was at the first Fair, but have spent many years in the Far West. I have been interested in this informal talk. I remember the energetic spirits of the early days. There was Levi Peck with his farming implements. He largely changed the character of labor here. I remember the address of Hon. J. B. McCollum.

"These were plain, simple farmers, but they did a good work; the rising generation will do well to copy from them. To these young men the responsibilities will soon fall; we shall not be here. We have been honoring Lyman Richardson; and this leads me to say what an immense advantage education gives.

"These farmers can raise twice what they do now. And the farm is a grand *home*. Let every high school be also an agricultural school; teaching the girls, also. The right culture will make them satisfied here. Don't go to the city.

"But some say, 'Where shall we get the labor? Where comes the timber, lumber, for improvements?' (Mr. Streeter dwelt at some length on these and other problems.) Better days, better chances, ahead. I see them coming."

Hon. C. H. Dickerman: "I attended the first Fair and the second. Left Harford in 1860. Have been elsewhere nearly a half century, but have never forgotten you. Come often to old Harford, and always enjoy it.

"I read in 1900 an article in the *Home Magazine* concerning the Harford Fair. Much of it I regarded as truthful and fairly accurate.

"The success of the Fair depends on right principles. It cannot succeed if the farmer is not interested. Organization is necessary in everything.

"The farmers have suffered. They do not organize as other kinds of labor have done. Legislation has been against them, often. The impulse to leave the farm, to go to the city, is natural. But this will cure itself in time. Some day it will be for their interest to come back. I have enjoyed this afternoon."

W. L. Thacher: "I was at the first Fair, a lad of seventeen

years. I have been with forty-two of these exhibitions, and my thought takes in the whole life of the society. I have been identified with this Fair as though I had been an officer all these years. I see as in a panorama the lives of the men who have made it and guided it. They pass as in a troop before me, and very many of them are in the cemetery. And I am still here. Well, I must be growing old, but I had not thought so.

"All of these men were my personal acquaintances. Many of them had the good of the Fair, of the Township, at heart. Much service was unselfish. You who are with me here, in this group, were my associates fifty years ago. Some of you are my seniors. But we are all young to-day. The heart need never grow old.

"These Fair officers have asked me to write its history. The work has not been a light one. But for the help of Him whom I love and whom I serve, it would have ended in disaster. There is such a thing as help from an invisible source. Then there is my faithful wife. These men have given me their confidence, esteem. Through the fluctuations of the barometer of hope, for eighteen months, the low treasury, the increase of debt, they have never breathed in my ear anything except, 'Go forward.' And now they have offered me an honor I do not ask for. To possess their trust, their love, is sweet. All the honor I ask for in this life."

This "family gathering" will live in the memories of its members. Would that those in the far West, and other distant places, had been with us. We shall not meet again.

A ball game went on very quietly on another part of the ground. Harford vs. Kingsley. Score 24 to 0.

#### SECOND DAY.

Thursday morn found the mercury only nine degrees above freezing. But the sun came up clear and flashing. There were haze clouds sleeping near the horizon that prevented absolute certainty of a genuine day. Yet through alternate sun

and cloud, with a cold wind, northwest, it was a good day after all.

The travel on the roads leading to the grounds began later in the morning than many previous Fairs. The older people hesitated. The promise of delicious September weather would have brought them out. But at 9 A. M. the roads were full; and at noon it seemed to us that all the old-time friends were with us again. The falling off was most noticeable at the north gate—the New Milford gate. Its usual receipts were \$500; to-day only \$300. Doubtless the Binghamton fair allures the northern townships.

The usual happy crowd was with us. The stands, the popcorn men, the vender of whips and canes, the tin-type men, all did a flourishing business. We stepped into the Log Cabin. A brisk fire was on the old hearth, and a number were getting warm. One relic had been dragged out to the middle of the floor. It was a lightstand, with card attached, stating that it came with Hosea Tiffany, Feb., 1792, all the way from Attleboro, 245 miles on an ox-sled.

The merry-go-round never lacked for business; the engines for farm power, on exhibition, were puffing; the crowds surging through the halls; and it was just as hard to find the one you were looking for, as ever. The Kingsley Concert Band proved through the day what they could do, in their execution of old-time melodies; a better test than the popular, noisy selections of the present. "Dixie," though not noted for delicious chords, carried us back to the old Harford Band of forty years ago. The boys were full of music, and we had it in abundance; admiring in the meantime the facility and happy leadership of Mr. Sloat.

The dining hall at noon and long after was crowded. Mr. Roberts gave us excellent fare, and those in attendance at the tables were attentive, patient, pleasant.

Floral Hall was inded handsome and full. Vegetable Hall was abundant, though fruit and grain deficient. Mechanics' Hall much as ever; the School Exhibit large. Less farming implements, less cattle, sheep, poultry. But read the awards, and you will think everything was there.

As to poultry, said F. H. Parsons, "Among the serviceable breeds the quality was superior to any yet on exhibition." He has been with us some years, and is an ideal judge. He explains to exhibitors the points, and they have come to have confidence in his ability.

President Jones at 2 P. M. invited all who had been present at the first Fair to the Speaker's stand, the place of honor. He regretted the absence of the Governor, Edwin Stuart. If the prosecutions in the Capitol investigation were to be thorough he must remain in Harrisburg. To be with us would take him from duty three days. Friends, there has been no intention to deceive you.

Inasmuch as Mr. Thacher's history of the Fair was in the people's mind, President Jones introduced him as first speaker.

W. L. Thacher: "Let me read you the list of officers of this Fair for half its life. Listen! They number thirty-seven, and only three of them are alive to-day, Amasa B. Tucker, of Aurora, Ill., W. B. Guile, H. J. Tiffany, both with us. Mr. Tucker wrote me two months ago that to be with us to-day would be the great joy of his life, but it seemed impossible.

"During the writing of the book I have been with these men and their successors. Yes, I am old enough to say they were my personal acquaintances. I single out many who were unselfish in service. They loved Harford, and have left their mark on it. Then there were the executive, the men of 'push.' Oh! there were men who have left a golden halo around their life; men whom the Harford Fair mourned for when they died.

"In our home we have been studying the life of Moses in the Sabbath School lessons. We find him so earnestly pleading with Israel to keep God's commandments. He was to soon leave them. He wants to take them all in his arms and say, 'Now, when the promised land is all yours, you will do all this; oh! you *will*. You, your children, your children's children.'

"And so I, peering into the future of Harford, want to take

all this people into my arms and says, 'Oh! be good, right, true. Fear God and keep His commandments.'

"And these boys! We want them for presidents, secretaries, executive committees of this Fair, thirty years hence. Learn to be quick in business, to write fast and neatly. Be alert, vigorous, unselfish, in all that counts for good, for Harford, for the Fair. They'll want you. What greater honor than to love and serve the Fair, and leave the memory of it behind you. Keep it up fifty years more. I shall wish to get out of my grave to come up here to see if you are doing all this.

Don't leave the farm. Keep it up as father did. Don't go for the railroad, or to the city. Don't long to be rich. Stay in Susquehanna County and be its good, grand men. Keep up its honor. Never let 'Harford Fair' become 'Vanity Fair.'"

President Jones introduced Hon. John O. Sheatz, a candidate for the office of State treasurer. He has served with ability in the House three terms.

John O. Sheatz: "I am glad to meet you up here in Susquehanna Co. Glad to look upon its hills and valleys and see how you live. Glad that your Fair has remained the same for fifty years. In Lehigh Co. their fair gets more money than formerly, but they have departed from the faith. Races have the first place.

"You are a farming community. You belong to the ten million farmers of the United States whose farms are worth twenty billion dollars, and produce seven billion dollars.

"And Pennsylvania has 75,000 farmers who own over a million cows. We make more milk than any other state.

"I have become acquainted with your worthy president at Harrisburg. He worked hard, and was always at it. It was impossible for the Governor to be here. He *meant* to be here. Those who profited dishonestly by the building of the Capitol are facing the judgment.

"I have been nominated for an important office. Looking



back to my earlier years, I did not expect to ever reach such an honor. If you believe in me, vote for me. I'll serve you honestly."

President introduced Hon. Gabriel H. Moyer, a member of the House, whom he esteemed as a personal friend.

G. H. Moyer: "Glad to join in your celebration. It is a large assembly of people. Your Fair is at a central point in your township, and you all evidently enjoy it. You have stood in the years past for truth and honor. Your historian has just reviewed your early officers, and tells you his hopes for your future.

"I was born on a farm. Am living in Lebanon Co., quite far south in our State. We are the Pennsylvania Dutch. Our farmers are richer than you. His barn is four times larger than his house. This German element are at it early and late; large crops; large horses; and they work their land up to the very fence. But you have more to contend with than we.

"I learn from my friend Jones something of you. Your ancestors did not come from where ours did. If your barn is not as large as ours, yet you are putting work into other lines. Better farming than formerly.

"Take a rational view of life. Never mind the longings and ambitions that make life feverish. Make yourself the best citizen of the Republic. This Fair is the *real* thing. This Government is the *real* thing. Stand strong for both.

"In conclusion, I thank you. It has been a positive pleasure to come among you."

Mr. Moyer was a good story teller, and our laughs were hearty. He pleasantly referred to President Jones as one who did his duty at Harrisburg. Spoke of the boldness of Mr. Sheatz in legislative work. Referred to Theodore Roosevelt as the greatest living American to-day.

At the close of the speeches Mr. Thatcher registered the names of those assembled as guests of honor, in the Speaker's stand. Those who attended the first Fair: Austin Darrow, William Alexander, H. M. Lindsey, W. S. Sophia, W. L.

Thacher, E. S. P. Hine, Hubbard Payne, Ed. J. Tyler, C. H. Dickerman, P. K. Dickerman, S. C. Hallstead, Rienzi Streeter, G. R. Resseguie, Norman Tingley, Jesse Williams, Robert Alexander, Ed. G. Greenwood, O. J. Bailey, H. N. Tiffany, W. W. Holmes, T. J. Wells, Frank Hine, Mrs. Frank Hine, Mrs. Mary E. Hagar, Mrs. Dr. Wheaton, Mrs. G. B. Darrow, Mrs. Urbane Tingley, Mrs. Hoyt Wilcox, Mrs. Martin Whitney, Mrs. Homer Tingley, Mrs. Henry Mead, Will L. Follet, Mrs. Will Follet, Mrs. E. H. Ellsworth, Charles A. Stearns, Joseph E. Whiting, Mrs. Helen A. Wilmarth Everett, M. A. Gardner. Many of these reside in other places. Some left the stand before being registered. The list also includes those who sent their names by mail.

The names of the founders, yet living, have been given. Also those who have not missed a Fair. Those missing but one Fair: A. J. Adams, E. C. Peck, T. M. Tingley. Missing but two: B. F. Hine, Geo. W. Peck, J. A. Sophia, A. M. Leslie, E. J. Tyler. Missing but three: G. R. Resseguie, S. J. Adams, M. C. Richardson, Fred. H. Wilcox, James Hill. Missing but four, Hugh McConnell, Wm. H. Patterson. Missing but five: W. B. Guile. But six: A. T. Sweet; three of them in the army.

Some names have come to us of Harford's early people, come back to-day. "Home Comers." Mrs. Eleanor Read Elwell, Miss Clara M. Tiffany, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Sibley Blanding, Mrs. Anna Seymour Lowell, Dr. D. J. Peck, Mrs. Mary Bagley Brewster, William Moxley, Mrs. Alice Wilmarth Murdock, Mrs. Abram Eaton, Mrs. E. S. Jackson, Mrs. Susanna Tucker Williams, Mrs. Augusta Decker, Miss Mary Decker, Miss Nellie Shepardson, Rev. Thomas Eva, D. I. Tompkins, Aaron Savige, Rev. P. R. Tower, Mrs. P. J. Finn. Besides many others, already named.

The judges had finished their work. The blue and red cards had all been attached to the prizes. These Judges deserve honorable mention, and we will append their names to the awards. The awards cannot all be given. But here are very many; more than we have usually inserted. Formerly

all were read by the Secretary at 4 P. M., last day. And so, listen:

Awards: H. J. Tuttle, farm stallion. F. E. Moore, road stallion. G. E. Tewksbury, matched horses. Elmer Goodrich, all purpose horses. James Laurie, J. M. Alworth, colts. W. W. Wilmarth & Sons, stallion colt. Severance, Sherwood, geldings.—Judge, W. C. Norton.

C. L. Snyder, Grade Durham cow. Dimock Lord, heifer. C. H. Chamberlin, Grade Devon cow. Charley Bloom, heifer. E. F. McConnell, Jersey bull. Watson & Brainard, heifers. E. F. McConnell, five times in grades. Willie Rosengrant, heifer calves. J. F. Butterfield, C. H. Chamberlin, all Ayrshires, and grades. E. L. Ellsworth, C. L. Snyder, D. C. Miller, all Holsteins, nearly all grades. O. J. Jackson, Guernsey bull. E. D. Benjamin, M. L. Stevens, D. L. Stevens, Wilmarths, remainder of Guernseys, and grades.—Judge, A. O. Potter, Leonta, N. Y.

Geo. Chamberlin, W. H. Tingley, sheep, full bloods. Same and E. D. Allen, all grades.—Judge, A. O. Potter.

J. B. Sheen, E. D. Allen, B. D. Sherwood, J. W. Watson, all swine.—Judge, A. O. Potter.

G. F. Decker, E. F. Tiffany, Plymouth Rocks. Harry V. Tiffany, O. H. Green & Co., E. F. Tiffany, B. F. Jones, Archie Pratt, Bert Darrow, Pratt Townsend, Wyandottes. H. H. Morris, L. E. Darrow, C. L. Allen, Rhode Island Reds. E. F. Tiffany, Brahmas. B. F. Jones, J. W. Watson, E. J. Tyler, Leghorns, D. C. Miller, Mrs. J. W. Watson, Minorcas. C. L. Allen, Andalusians. Mrs. E. L. Avery, Anconas. O. H. Green & Co., Black Spanish. E. F. Tiffany, Polish. Tiffany, Green, Hamburgs. Tiffany, Houdans. Tiffany, Allen, Games. A. M. Darrow, E. T. Tiffany, Harry V. Tiffany, Game Bantams. O. H. Green & Co., Seabrights. E. F. Tiffany, Cochins and Japanese. B. F. Jones, Tiffany, Decker, turkeys. Tiffany, ducks. O. H. Green, D. K. Campbell, E. D. Smith, geese. W. N. Crawford, Faith Bullard, Pearl Guineas.—Judge, F. H. Parsons, Greene, N. Y.

E. M. Griffis, Mrs. John Dixon, beans. L. M. Hibbard, E. W. Bolles, winter wheat. S. E. Horton, oats. Allen, Gavitt,

sweet corn. E. E. Mosher, Leroy Green, popcorn. Prof. Rider, Mrs. R. S. Gere, sunflowers. W. C. Eastman, W. L. Thacher, corn. W. S. Sheldon, buckwheat.—Judge, George F. Spencer, Thompson.

Mrs. E. P. Potter, C. L. Snyder, fall and winter apples. E. J. Tyler, Edwin Quick, pears. F. W. Dean, Mrs. A. B. Wright, plums. Mrs. E. B. Smith, grapes. F. W. Sheldon, collection.—Judge, G. R. Resseguie.

A. E. Tiffany, David Andrews, squash. Dimock Lord, pumpkin. B. F. Burdick, cabbage. E. G. Lee, onions. Rupert Grant, beets. Mrs. F. P. Tingley, tomatoes. J. W. Bolles, peppers. Harry & Leo Williams, carrots. A. J. Rider, salisify. Mrs. Sam Miller, parsnips. Campbell, Conrad, potatoes. Gavitt, Sheldon, collection. W. S. Sophia, six times mentioned.—Judges, A. E. Tiffany, F. L. Rogers, W. A. Stephens.

Clifford Creamery Co., jar butter. G. H. Tyler, Mrs. Geo. R. Resseguie, dairy jar butter. Harford Dairy Co., creamery print butter. Mrs. U. Sloat, dairy print. Mrs. E. P. Potter, wheat bread. Mrs. W. M. Gavitt, Mrs. B. F. Hine, Indian bread. Mrs. Frank Forsyth, Mrs. C. Rosengrant, apple pie. Mrs. M. E. Packard, Mrs. E. H. Browning, pumpkin pie. Mrs. W. C. Maynard, loaf cake. Mrs. Gavitt, Mrs. E. C. Peck, sugar.—Judges, C. L. Benjamin, Miss Hattie Alworth, Mrs. E. W. Melhuish.

Mrs. Helen Reynolds, honey. E. E. Mosher, best exhibit. Mrs. N. E. Packard, eight times, canned goods. Vinnie S. Osborn, twice. Mrs. W. M. Gavitt, fourteen. Mrs. C. H. Rose, three. Mrs. W. S. Sophia, three. Mrs. Chas. Rosengrant, three. Mrs. Mylie Birtch, three. Mrs. Charles Fish, three. Diamond Rose, gooseberries. Mrs. James Bunnell, quince jelly.—Judges, William Jennings, Mrs. Ansel Gere, Mrs. Lena Miller.

W. H. VanCott, five farm implements. T. W. Oliver, gasoline engine. H. D. Titman, harness, wagon. B. H. Tiffany, cream separator. W. W. Pope, ladder.—Judges, E. M. Tingley, E. L. Manzer.

Mrs. Gertrude Peckham, inlaid work. A. H. Mead, display of stoves. Barrett Bros., piano.—Judge, C. M. Sutton.

Sarah Strockbine, rag carpet. Mrs. F. W. Sheldon, Mrs. S. J. Estabrook, mittens. Mrs. A. J. Gere, Fronia Sheldon, wool hose. Mrs. R. N. Manson, woolen yarn. Mrs. H. W. Williams, patching. Mrs. E. G. Lee, darning. Mrs. Transue, Cora Burton, crazy quilt. Mrs. Randall, Mrs. Geo. A. King, silk quilt. Mrs. L. W. Herrick, Mrs. T. P. Warren, patch-work quilt. Mrs. S. J. Tewksbury, bed spread. Mrs. Leroy Clifford, same.

Under 12 years: Gladys Rose, dressed doll. Edna Lee, Lucy Horton, outline work. Katherine Curtis, mending. Gail Kellum, Lucy Hortman, handkerchief.—Judges, Chester H. Vail, Mrs. C. L. Snyder, Mrs. Edward LaBar.

Ornamental Needlework. Class XIII. Three divisions: Sarah E. Atkinson, three times mentioned. Mrs. E. M. Tiffany, four. Mrs. Ernest Smith, four. Mrs. S. J. Randall, ten. Mrs. F. W. Trump, twice. Mrs. H. S. Conklin, twice. Grace Pratt, six. Mrs. Wm. Beck, twice. Mrs. A. M. Cox, four. Mrs. L. M. Backus, six. Alice Watrous, twice. Lottie Deans, four. Louise Terry, three. Lydia Bradford, three. Mrs. Geo. A. King, four. Mrs. H. D. Titman, four. Mrs. David Andrews, twice. Mrs. W. L. Smith, three. Mrs. H. F. Manzer, twice. Mrs. A. J. Gere, twice. Miss Carrie Marsh, three. Gertrude Peckham, twice. Mrs. Earl Yeomans, three. Mrs. N. E. Packard, twice. Mrs. A. E. Bloxham, twice. Mrs. Jos. E. Barney, doilies. Mrs. J. W. Bolles, pillowshams. Mrs. F. S. VanHowe, skirt. Mrs. M. C. Stoddard, shirt waist. Mrs. F. L. VanHorn, same. Mrs. Candace Watson, rug. Coral Green, sofa pillow. Mrs. E. J. Whitney. Mrs. R. A. Manson, apron. Alma Goodrich, cushion. Bertha Barrett, skirt. Mrs. E. P. Potter, table mats. Mrs. Maurice Gardner, shawl.—Judges, Horton Reynolds, Mrs. J. J. Austin, Mrs. Lester Tewksbury.—Mrs. Julia Estabrook, J. H. Hortman, Mrs. J. S. Marean.—Andrew Chamberlin, Nora Hill, Alice M. Griffis.

Paintings, Flowers, etc. Class XIV. Mrs. L. W. Herrick, four times. Mrs. E. G. Lee, three. Mrs. E. M. Tiffany, five. Mrs. Geo. A. King, seven. Mrs. S. Randall, four. Mrs. H.

D. Titman, twice. Mrs. H. S. Conklin, twice. Louise Terry, three. Lydia Bradford, three. Evaline and Hattie Lee, three. Louise Sophia, Carol Green, Mrs. T. E. Terwilliger, painting. Mrs. G. F. Decker, crayon. Mrs. L. P. Loomis, water color. Mrs. W. C. Eastman, flowers. Miss Clara Lindsey, floral design. Mrs. J. Dixon, Mrs. U. B. Lott, shell work. Evaline and Hattie Lee, photographic display.—Judge, Rev. T. L. Drury.

Class XVI. Unenumerated Articles, large display. Burnt wood work, Mrs. F. W. Trump.—Judge, E. J. Whitney.

School Exhibit: Bessie Lake, five times. Hugh Jones, five. Ernest and Fred Clink, maps. John Doe, letter. Pritchard Jones, Pearl Barnes, drawing. Bernice Tingley, penmanship under 8 years. Blanch Grinnell, Eva Borden, under 12. Gratton Bennett, Celinda Bailey, penmanship. Wells School district, best exhibit.

Graded: Mildred Carpenter, twice. Lillian Martin, three times. Guy Davis, three. Diamond Rose, three. Esther Austin, Ethelyn Buck, story. Ethel Gavitt, territory of U. S. Lillian Rose, Thaddeus Stevens (sketch). Chas. Kellum, Luther Whiting, Lawrence Bertholf, Grace Lee, Flora Van Horn, drawing. Esther Osborn, Edna Osborn, penmanship under 8. Marion Osborn, Ruth Cobb, under 12. Lizzie Grinnell, Mabel Tingley, penmanship. Hopbottom School best exhibit.—Judges, Prof. T. C. Hinkley, Mrs. G. H. Tiffany.

When the Fair's treasury is not likely to leave a good balance, help it by donating your premium. You have had the honor, through the published list. It advertises you and your product. Is not that enough? Our fathers thought so in '58 and '59. Premiums are considered donations if not called for by Jan. 1st.

Our usual notices from county papers are absent. Depending on the historian's report, two-third column in length, they have not given Harford Fair as seen by others. But we gladly make room for a lengthy report by the enterprising *Scranton Republican*. It also published Rev. Tower's address in full.

*Scranton Republican*, Sept. 27: "Between five and six thousand people braved the cold weather yesterday to help celebrate the anniversary of the organization of Harford Fair.

"It was undoubtedly the greatest day in its history, and the attendance would have been probably one-third more, had not the weather been so cold, almost down to the freezing point. Fur overcoats and sealskin sacks would have been most acceptable clothing, and those who were foolish to think summer was still here had their opinions rudely shattered, and spent the greater part of the day trying to find a warm and sheltered nook, where the chilling breezes could not reach them. . . .

"The exhibits were not up to the usual standard, the management saying it was largely due to the dry season, which retarded the growth of all farm produce. Fruit exhibit was probably the best one on the grounds, particularly apples and grapes. The apple crop this year excelling, and this was plainly evidenced by the extra large exhibit.

"The fancy work department was also very large, particularly that of needlework and paintings. One of the most interesting exhibits was the schools of Susq. Co. There were probably nearly two hundred specimens of drawing and penmanship, representing all grades, the largest number coming from the primary grade, followed closely by the highest grade. The Harford High School was the best represented and won nearly all the prizes.

"The poultry exhibit was larger than usual, but the stock was only of medium quality, scarcely any of it being of a prize winning quality, but of course they got the ribbons just the same.

"Never in recent years has the live stock exhibit been so small, due largely to the association barring certain breeds for want of sufficient competition. This deterred the farmers from going to the expense of bringing their other stock, as the premiums would hardly be sufficient to be an object. The exhibits were late in arriving, and it was nearly noon before they were all in and properly labelled. Usually the greater portion are on the grounds the first day.

"Wednesday afternoon all the old-timers came to the Fair to celebrate 'founders' day,' and hold a reunion. Short

addresses were made by the founders present and former officers, who told of the struggle they had to keep the Fair going, also their efforts to make it a high-grade institution.

"While the founders were telling stories of old times, the younger element were amusing themselves in other ways. A base ball game between Harford and Kingsley was played, and the score was very close, 24 to 0 in favor of Harford. The dance hall also gave the youngsters an opportunity to warm up, and was probably the most liberally patronized of any place on the grounds. . . .

"On Wednesday President Jones received a telegram stating that the large amount of work now on hand in connection with the Capitol steal prosecutions would make it impossible for the governor to be present, but Mr. Sheatz would surely be on hand.

"As early as six o'clock the crowd began to arrive, and there was a steady stream of carriages until noon, when it was said there were over 5,000 people on the ground. The guest of honor, Mr. Sheatz arrived about 11 o'clock. The reception committee met him at Kingsley. He was conveyed to the grounds, in a carriage drawn by snow white horses and escorted by the Kingsley Band. After parading around the grounds, giving the people an opportunity to see the next treasurer, he was taken to the Village to dinner.

"Hon. Sheatz was introduced at 2:30 P. M. by President Jones, and spoke fifteen minutes. He expressed much surprise at the large crowd at such a small place, and told them he was very glad to meet so many. . . .

"He referred briefly to the Capitol steal, and said the governor was doing just what he promised. . . . The alleged thieves were under arrest. . . .

"He was followed by Representative Moyer, whose address dwelt particularly with the work of Mr. Sheatz in the legislature. . . .

"After the speeches, Mr. Sheatz mingled with the crowd and spent the balance of the afternoon shaking hands with the farmers and their families.

"Wednesday's exercises at the Harford Fair were largely



confined to the cemetery, where in the morning a monument was unveiled in honor of Rev. Lyman Richardson, one of the early settlers of that place, who maintained the old Franklin Academy, known as Harford University, at one time the leading educational institution of northeastern Pennsylvania.

"For many years, in fact for the balance of his life, he devoted his energies to furthering the interests of the institution.

"Some time ago a movement was started to erect a monument to his memory and in a short time enough responses were received to warrant going on with the work.

"Nearly all the older residents of Susquehanna county had at some period of their lives been brought in contact with Mr. Richardson, and readily expressed a willingness to contribute. The result was a handsome monument in his honor, unveiled yesterday.

"The principal address was by Rev. C. M. Tower, one of the graduates; Congressman Dickerman of Milton, Pa., one of the last graduates, and the largest contributor to the fund, was also present and made an address, in which he recounted pleasant experiences while at the academy. Hon. Rienzi Streeter, also a student, spoke briefly and happily. Near the close of Rev. Tower's address the unveiling took place."

The Executive Committee closed up gambling discovered outside the grounds.

We greeted so many friends, and could not visit for lack of time. The history of Harford Fair was heavy on our mind. From our surrounding townships came acquaintances who have always helped the Fair. And Montrose friends were here.

Treasurer Williams gave us the figures: \$1,195 at the gates; privileges, stands, etc., about \$200. Total, \$1,400.

The canvassers had good success with the book. The satisfaction of those who had waited for it, when they turned the leaves of the part already printed, was in their faces.

Said Seymour Hallstead, our old school mate, "I have attended the greatest, grandest picnic of my life. Shall strive hard to be with you again."

Said Lyman Carpenter, "A marked feature of Harford is the sociability and equality of your people when together. The rich, the poor, have no dividing line. Every one is so evidently glad to meet every acquaintance."

Mr. Carpenter is the grandson of Daniel Carpenter, one of the Nine Partners, who returned to Attleborough.

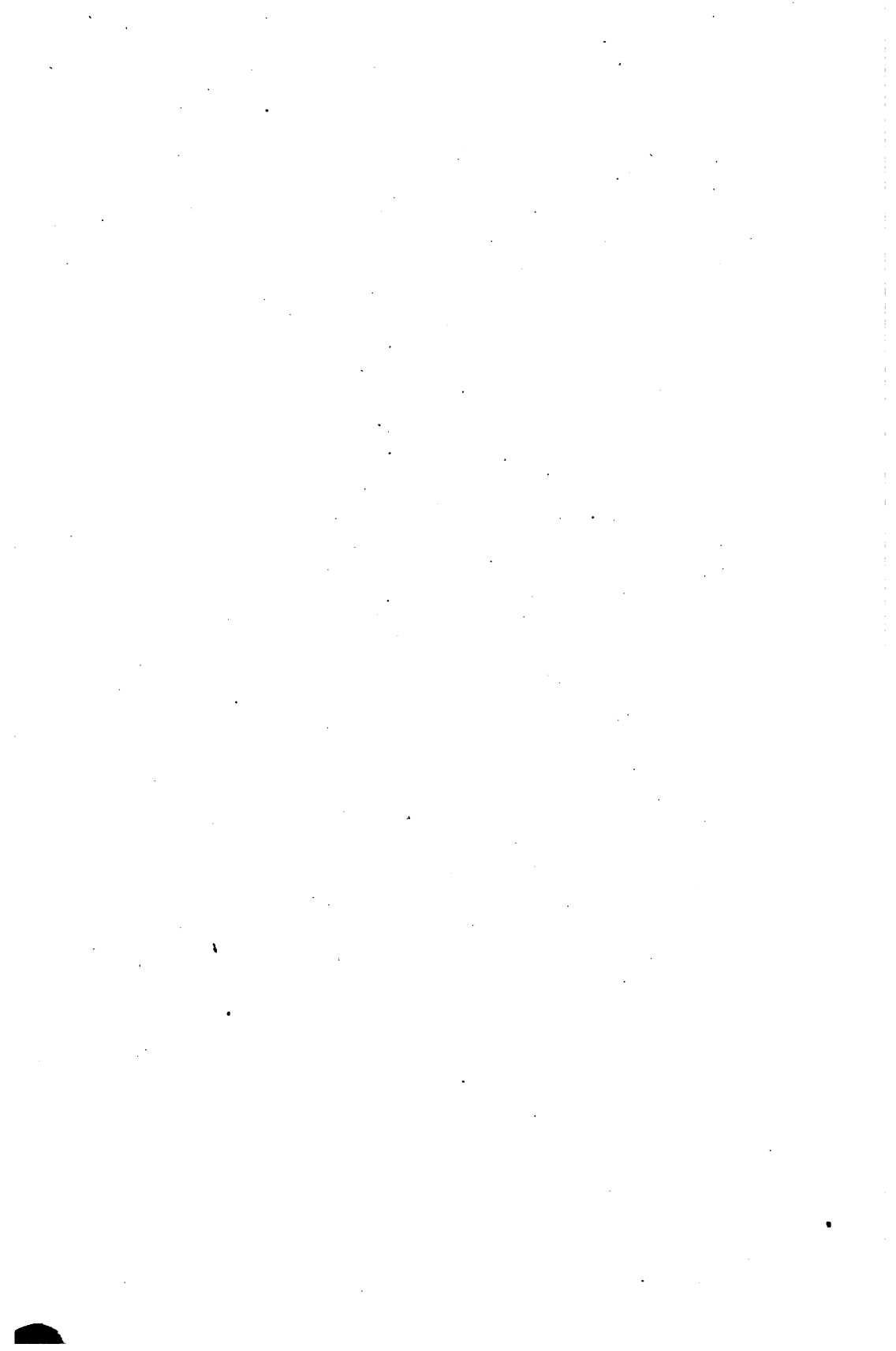
The financial statement will be about thus: Balance from 1906, \$125. Receipts from July 4th, \$400. From gates, Sept. 26th, \$1,200. From privileges, stands, \$200. Total, \$1,925.

Expenses of Fair \$425. Premiums \$800. Publication of history, "Harford Fair," \$700. Total \$1,925.

And so the balance on hand, reported at the annual meeting, Feb. 3, 1908, will be the sales of "Harford Fair," for four months.

The day wore on to its close. The long expected event was passing. As with Israel of old, it was the year of Jubilee, our fiftieth Fair. Friends were bidding each other, "good-bye." The Band was filling in every moment with closing selections. The eastern hills and peaks of Elk Mountain "watched and waited," as they have done for a half century, "alway." It had been sunshine and cloud; the ideal September day had been denied us. The old gate receipts of \$1,600 were not. The 6,000 people had not come. But the Judge of all the earth will do right. 'Twas a goodly crowd; a goodly sum in the treasury. We will be content. And grateful.

Who shall tell the story, fifty years hence?



## CHAPTER X

### ADDRESSES

Address of Paul J. Sherwood, Esq., Wilkes-Barre, on Fair Ground, July 4th, 1907. Extracts.

The Fourth of July is the most important of all our national holidays. Its celebration should not only give the keynote of National patriotism, but a call to personal examination to see whether we are indeed patriots, citizens upon whose shoulders a government may safely rest.

Is this country improving in political honesty or retrograding in this vital condition of true national prosperity?

Is crime increasing or decreasing?

Are the institutions of religion weakening or strengthening? Are the Youth more or less reverent to God? Is it true that "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth? Can His guiding hand be seen in the affairs of State?

The War of the Revolution, the achievement of that little handful of home lovers, who warred that their loved ones might worship God according to the dictates of conscience, who warred that taxation should be by the consent of the majority of the men who foot the bills, by the expressed will of the masses instead of the dictates of classes, I say, their achievements we are liable to forget because of the sacrifice and heroism of the later patriots who fought for the preservation of the American Union.

It was a wonderful achievement. As we view it through the telescope of time, we find abundant reason to believe in Him who holds the guiding hand; to believe that above the patriotism of the American heart, was the higher patriotism of the Christian heart; that above the valor of the American defender was a force greater than human, combined with which, "one could chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight."

The day of flag-worship and party worship must end. God

is on His throne and at the helm. The spirit of 1776 was the spirit of fair play, equal rights—square deal, and that spirit still lives. The clouds have been followed by nurturing sunshine. On this Anniversary Day the American Republic stands, in many respects, at the head of the world powers.

The command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost" has been accepted by America, and she is going, and God's crucible is at work, and the baptismal fount of love—of malice toward none and charity to all—of peace on earth, good will toward men, is flowing.

Our country is the babe amongst the leading nations of the earth, yet in population we are greater than any of the others, except Russia, and in wealth, in agricultural productions, and the value of its manufactures, we are far in the lead of all.

Why this superiority in statesmanship and business acumen of America over other nations? I'll tell you why. When our forefathers, the Puritans and the Pilgrims landed on American soil, the first thing done was to plant the cross of Christ; second, the home, and third the school-house.

The cross went before. The "Blue Laws," so called, were their high standard. To-day 20,000,000 boys and girls are being educated in the public schools of this country, but 24,000,000 are enrolled in the Sabbath School. So that the cross is still in advance.

Young man of the U. S. be thankful to your Father in Heaven, that your lot has fallen in such pleasant places. Ours is a wonderful country, now at peace with all the world. Her resources are practically inexhaustible. Her doors of opportunity are open to all. You make one of those American units of society whose possible future is an inspiring ordeal. It rests with you—your choice—whether your life shall be a farce, or whether you shall become a safe pillar to your country, one on whose shoulders the government may safely rest.

Many there be who think that their dwelling place here is a sojourn in an alien sphere, an enemy's country; that the forces of nature are hostile, and the hand of God and man against them.

It's not so. If you are not reasonably happy and successful in your every day life, where you are, it is because you are out of harmony with God's laws of fitness and love.

Acquaint yourself with Him. Submit your will to His and you will discover the fault is with you, that nature is not your foe, but your friend; that she stands every ready to shower upon you her richest blessings, to impart to you her rarest secrets, and to place, even upon life's sorrows, jewelled crowns of joy and light.

Oh, I love this old republic, surrounded by the deep seas, walled by the wide air, domed by heaven's blue and lit by the eternal stars. I love her, and I want no higher distinction of honor than that I am a child of her soil, free to climb the ladder of fame, assured that whether rich or poor I have the blessed opportunity of ennobling my character. I love her because she gave me this chance. I love her because, no matter how poor a man may be or how dark and gloomy may seem his prospects, he may take his little boy upon his knee and say of a truth, "My son, you may rise; your father may be poor and ignorant, and people may laugh at his awkward ways; but you, if you are true and sincere, by the plans of this your home land, are privileged to rise and attain the highest office within the gift of the nation."

The stability of our government depends not so much upon her famed men as upon her true men. A nation can never be better than the fair average of her common people. The rule of the individual life must modify the degree of perfection to which a state attains. There can be no graft, no theft, no fraud in government without graft, theft and fraud in the citizens who compose the government.

America has a right to address each one of her citizens to-day and say to him, "O! Soul be pure, and true and strong. not merely for thine own sake, but for your country's sake, yea, for the sake of all mankind."

Then shall we have a country where righteousness and justice reside and liberty reigns. Where love is law and law is love. Where peace is, and a happy yeomanry dwell. A land of rich fields, budding orchards, blooming gardens, homes of

beauty, plenty and peace. The land of the free, the home of the brave—the United States of America.

And when you live in such a land, life will grow sweeter, you'll wish it longer; love and joy will encircle the earth, and in the blue dome will hang for each an eternal star of human hope.

Address of Rev. C. M. Tower, at the dedication of monument to the memory of Rev. Lyman Richardson at Harford, Pa., Sept. 26th, 1907:

*Fellow Students of Old Franklin Academy, Ladies and Gentlemen:*

The hour has come, and we have gathered at this sacred place to occupy and enjoy, what has been to some of us a long anticipated and coveted pleasure; viz., the dedication of this beautiful monument, erected by loving hearts and hands, marking the resting place of the body of one we prized so dearly, and whose memory we thus seek to perpetuate. Forty years have passed since the earthly remains of our Dear Uncle Lyman were placed here, but neither himself, nor his faithful work, has been forgotten, and the desire generated in the hearts of many of his students and friends, years ago, to erect a monument here, often expressed in the language, "It must be done," has at last, through the persistency of our faithful secretary and fellow student, Wallace Thacher, and faithful wife, been accomplished. We have not gathered to mourn over the departure of a friend and benefactor, but rather to express our gratitude to Almighty God, for giving to earth such a noble character to live, and act in our midst, when we were preparing for the active responsibilities of life, who thought wisely, planned earnestly, and worked so faithfully for the glory of God, and the highest welfare of his fellow men.

The tendency of the human mind, is rather to glory in the present day achievements, and give undue praise and prominence, to some inventor, or discoverer of some scheme, whereby we express our delight in the supremacy over our fathers and their time, or over some other nation. I apprehend that the pleasant greeting of each other to-day, as neighbors and friends

with the cordial shake of the hand, is largely coupled with the fact that you are American citizens, that you own these large farms, and know so well how to produce the fruits seen in such abundance; that the wonderful machinery, on exhibition to-day, is so much in advance of our fathers; that while our ancestors rode in lumber wagons often drawn by oxen, and communicated with friends at a distance by mail, carried on foot, or on horseback, we ride in automobiles, and trolleys, and speak personally with people a thousand miles away; that we feel proud of our beautiful houses of worship, our colleges, and seminaries, and of the mighty men of intellect in the nation who have generated their power in passing through it; yet it is wise, amid our exultations, to pause, and take a retrospective glance at least, to the initiative steps, and the noble men, whereby the rich heritage of to-day has come to us.

We honor and revere the name of Abraham Lincoln, but we must in memory couple with him the name of William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and others who long before laid the foundation making possible that immortal proclamation of freedom to four million slaves. We herald with delight the wonderful electrical achievements of Thomas A. Edison, but we must recall at times, the persistent efforts of Benj. Franklin with kite and key, as he demonstrated the possibility of man to control electricity, and make it his servant.

We glory in our flag, and the principles it represents, and we are glad to teach patriotism to our children, but we are careful to place in our histories they study, the scenes of Plymouth Rock, Valley Forge, Antietam and Gettysburg as the price others have paid to secure our possessions.

So as in memory you connect your valuable fields with the history of the Nine Partners, placing a tablet on the spot of their beginnings, as you have done, we to-day view, and rejoice in, the wonderful progress of science and art, and the advantages of educational and Christian enterprises, and think with a degree of pride of such men as Hon. S. B. Chase, Ex.-Gov. Carpenter, Hon. Galusha A. Grow, Judges McCollum, and Streeter, and a score of others, some of whom are living and present to-day. We pause this hour, to couple with



them, the name of Uncle Lyman Richardson, writing it not only upon this monument of granite, but reinscribing it upon the tablet of our hearts. And while we refer with pride to Harvard, Yale, Colgate, Lewisburg, and Cornell, we should be unjust to not think of the old Center schoolhouse built near the then residence, of Brewster Guile, as the place where uncle Lyman laid the first foundation stones of Franklin Academy in 1817, being at that time twenty-seven years of age.

While to-day you have just reason to feel proud of your Fair, and not only celebrate its fiftieth anniversary, but publish its interesting history, you will note therein, that 49 years ago next month, Uncle Lyman, standing on the porch of yonder Lecture Room, addressed with marked earnestness, an audience, on the value of an agricultural fair. Truly enough do "other men labor and we enter into their labor."

Of Abel, in one act alone, it is recorded, "And by it he being dead yet speaketh"; and in the recalling to-day of some of the noble deeds of our Teacher, would we have him continue to speak, not only to us who were his students, but to all who are now called to face the wonderful problems which must be solved correctly, in order to the highest well being of the nation. We would not for a moment, exalt above proper measure the virtues of this noble man, for like ourselves, he was only human, with human limitations, of which, no one was more conscious than he himself.

As the greatness and grandeur of many of our magnificent rivers are often explained by an examination of their sources and the incoming of their various inlets, and tributaries, so the valuable life and the efficient work of our friend and Teacher, can be most readily accounted for. Born of noble parentage, a descendant of John Hancock, near old Plymouth Rock, a place filled with historic interest to every true patriot, surrounded by influences tending to the development of inherent powers which would be needed in his life work, he grew to manhood. Following the teachings of Christian parents, and the leadings of the Holy Spirit, he was converted in early life, and upon a written confession of his faith, united with the Congregational Church, said paper, being still in the possession of the church.

The coming of his parents to this town, when he was sixteen years of age, seems to have opened to him, wonderful opportunities both for his farther development, and usefulness; and in a little time he entered Wilkes-Barre Academy as a student, and step by step, amid hardships at times, and difficulties requiring indomitable courage, and persistent effort, he rose to be its principal; followed soon by the organization of Franklin Academy, the then best known school of Northern Penna. Here, nearly all of the remainder of his life's work was done, and there are many who can testify to the excellency of that work.

His life and example were constantly revealing the operations of a heart and soul, cleansed by the blood of Christ, and filled with the Holy Spirit. Those of us who have received at his hands such lessons of inestimable value, imparted not only from the text books, but from the rich experiences of his own heart, could scarcely do less, than to thus publicly recount some of his many virtues, and so transmit to others those principles which constitute the greatness of the individual and the nation.

Comparing many incidents of his life, with the declaration of Solomon, "Before honor is humility," we again see cause for highest commendation; for his deeds of self-sacrifice, though many, were not apparent to all.

Often through his generosity, and inspirational advice to trust and perseverance, did the door of opportunity open to the otherwise despairing student, and the coveted prize was eventually secured. While he highly prized the discipline of the mental powers of his pupils, he never neglected emphasizing the necessity of a sterling character, as the foundation of success, both for this, and the life to come; and regularly did he use the Bible in the schoolroom, as the Book of all Books. Your speaker well remembers a day when conversing with a student, who had said that Christianity was a farce, and that he knew not a person that lived up to their profession, when he referred to Uncle Lyman, he immediately replied, "Well, *he* is an exception."

While he seldom ever discussed theological questions with his students, he always emphasized that Bible truth, "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life

that now is, and of that which is to come." Had we time we might quote statements from a score or more of prominent men who went out from this school, in attestation of the facts we have presented, but they are written indelibly in the heart and memory, and we trust that the principles he lived, as well as taught, are being reproduced in many lives; so that while he, like David served his generation, the Lord is treasuring up the good for the generations yet to come. It was said of Alexander the first emperor of Russia, "That his personal character was equivalent to a constitution."

The principles of this good man as taught in the school-room, indicates the same of him. One old student recalls some of these utterances. Addressing the class on one occasion, he said: "Should you become a doctor, do not work for the money that is in it; if a teacher, do not go out as such, thinking merely of the compensation it may bring you, but when you hear the footsteps of your pupils coming for your instruction, remember they are the coming generation."

In this connection we must not fail to mention the other members of the family, his faithful wife, "Aunt Sarah," who so faithfully and devotedly applied herself to the interest of every student personally, whether poor, and less cultured, or not. Her cordial welcome to the home at any time, and the little contributions often made, with motherly advice, gave the comfortable feeling so much appreciated by the student when away from home. Four sons, the eldest two of which became helpful teachers, the younger assisting at times, are entitled to honorable mention here, not only for the invaluable service, but for the honor they reflected upon their parents. The marked ability of Prof. E. K. Richardson, to fill any place assigned him, and especially in music, or to be a substitute, on brief notice, in the social circles of the day, contributed to the highest interests of the school, and is remembered by many with pleasure. It was a sad providence indeed to us, that removed him from us just before our reunion, in 1900.

Of this family Stocker says, "No family that ever lived in Northern Pennsylvania ever did more for the cause of education, sound morality, and the pure principles of the christian faith, than the Richardsons."

As we turn our eyes to this beautiful monument, and read the names inscribed thereon; names that we shall hold dear while memory lasts, we lift our hearts in gratitude to Almighty God, for their lives, which were open and well-filled channels, transmitting to us those moral, ethical, and spiritual blessings, which we have enjoyed so many years; principles that underlie every character that is to succeed in life, whatever their vocation may be.

Quoting from the words of our secretary, in his admirable eulogy at the reunion seven years ago, we say: "O teacher, peace to thy ashes! Thou hast had a mighty influence in our lives. We promise thee that it shall never cease. Rest in peace till the resurrection morn. Thou shalt come forth in eternal youth. May we be so unspeakably happy as to join thee at the feet of Him who was, and is, the Teacher of all teachers, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

Fellow students, and friends: This lesson would we have impressed upon all of our minds. The forces of evil are seeking perpetuation and increased power, as never before, and the world is calling loudly for loyalty on our part. Ignorance and selfishness are joining forces with vice and corruption, to prevent the establishment of truth and right. Righteousness seeks establishment and perpetuation at our hands.

Let us recall the words of Bailey, and be governed thereby.

"We live in deeds, not years. In thoughts, not breaths. In feelings, not in figures on a dial. He most lives who thinks most, feels noblest, acts the best." The world has always been asking, and must continue to do so, for men of sterling value, men that are not for sale at any price, who will not be discouraged, nor fail until judgment be set in the earth. Men who have a message and will not withhold it; who anticipate opposition, and prepare themselves for a successful victory over it.

Let us also remember the fact that, "The world shoves angrily aside the man who stands with arms akimbo set, until occasion tells him what to do. And he who waits to have his task marked out will die, and leave his errand unfulfilled."

Truly has Longfellow said:

"Lives of great men oft remind us,  
 We can make our lives sublime,  
 And departing, leave behind us,  
 Footprints in the sands of time."

From the north to the south, and from ocean to ocean, yea, the population of the whole earth, are forever looking, listening, and continually copying the acts and sayings of those they choose to imitate, and we should carefully guard our lives, that no one taking pattern from us will ever be impaired in body or soul, through our misdeeds.

Among this vast throng that are watching us,

"There are loyal hearts, there are Spirits brave,  
 There are souls that are pure and true,  
 Then give to the world the *best* that you have,  
 And the *best* will come back to you.  
 For life is the mirror, of *King* or of *Slave*,  
 'Tis just what we *are* and *do*,  
 Then give to the world the *best* that you have,  
 And the *best* will come back to you."

Address of Hon. C. H. Dickerman, same time and place:

My friends:—I feel it an honor to be here on this occasion, and to be permitted to pay my tribute to the memory of our dear "Uncle Lyman."

He had a profound intellect, tireless industry, and a patient, investigating mentality. The extent and accuracy of his information, was remarkable. He thoroughly understood in its minutest detail, every subject he investigated. He had a genial, sympathetic, unselfish nature, united with great spirituality. These qualities, and a love for imparting information, made him a perfect teacher.

The school he built, Franklin Academy; later Harford University, was among the best at that time, and had an extended reputation. Its founder, however, did not associate with himself competent younger men, and when advancing years com-

pelled him to relinquish his duties, the school did not long survive. *Uncle Lyman was the school.*

He was content to do his duty as he saw it, from day to day, and the amount of good he did for mankind is incalculable. It seemed to me for many years, that his reward was inadequate, but maturer judgment leads me to believe that there was more real happiness for him in his simple, contented, unselfish life, even in this world, than we can estimate.

If true, as we believe, that in the life to come those who cultivate their spirituality while here, by pure, unselfish and godly lives, will possess a greater degree of divine happiness, our beloved teacher is now enjoying a reward commensurate with his deserts.

Address of Hon. Rienzi Streeter, same time and place.

Ladies and gentlemen:—As one of the students of Franklin Academy of half a century ago, I greatly appreciate this opportunity to add a few words to the deserved tributes to which we have just listened, paid to the memory of our revered teacher, Rev. Lyman Richardson. But the name dear to all old students, and the one that expresses to them now as it did in their student days their heartfelt esteem and affection is simply "Uncle Lyman."

But in the brief time at my command I shall only attempt to call out the fact that there is a practical lesson taught by the life of this noble man that should be an inspiration to those in active life to-day. Influenced by the highest motives, he improved to the best of his great ability every opportunity that came to him in the vocation and in the locality where his lot was cast.

Franklin Academy accomplished a work for education in Northeastern Pennsylvania beyond the reach of other institutions of learning located nearer larger centers of population, and enjoying greater resources and larger revenues.

Here hundreds of young men and women received the mental and moral training that has enabled them to lead lives of honorable achievement otherwise unattainable; because the ma-

jority of those benefitted were unable to avail themselves of the advantages offered by more distant and expensive schools.

The inestimable amount of good accomplished by the Academy near Harford, founded and made such a power by "Uncle Lyman," so efficiently aided, as has been well said, by his devoted wife, "Aunt Sarah," has been manifested in the honorable and distinguished careers of scores of its graduates.

We do well to thus honor the memory of "Uncle Lyman," for his life illustrates what a noble character may be developed, and what a grand work for humanity may be accomplished, amid humble surroundings, and despite many adverse circumstances.

Former students at the old academy love to recall that, in addition to all the other elevating influences, Nature herself came to our aid through the inspiring scenery—rarely surpassed—that stretched far away to the distant summits of the Elk Mountains.

And now, in conclusion, no words can convey higher praise than this: That "Uncle Lyman," by his noble, useful, self-sacrificing life exemplified the highest type of Christian character.

Harford's Farmer Club. Session of Monday evening, Dec. 28, 1896. Hon. G. R. Resseguie in the chair. Twenty-two present.

Subject: "The Bright Side of Farming." Said the Chair, "The member who gave us this subject must open the discussion."

W. L. Thacher: If any farmer in this locality wants to become rich by farming, then there is no bright side for him. It cannot be done.

My Bible tells me that it is not best to be rich. One verse says, "Labor not to be rich." It says Agur prayed, "Give me neither poverty nor riches." Mr. Chairman. I'm that man—neither poor nor rich. Somewhere I have seen this: "Small

and steady gains bring competence with tranquility of mind." A whole sermon by itself.

I think the Creator purposely made the employment of farming slow as to accumulation. Quick roads to wealth are harmful to soul and body. He put the first man to farming, and his blessing is peculiarly on the tiller of the soil.

The brightest side of farming to me is its independence. 1. I am my own master. I plan and execute to suit myself. 2. My time is my own. I am not rigidly bound to set hours. I can work overtime or undertime. This means that inclination can be followed to some extent; yet never in the line of laziness. 3. You cannot take away my employment. Strikes do not affect me. A financial panic would leave me full ability to get a living.

The next brightest side is that on a farm there is always plenty to do. If I were lazy I should deplore this fact; but rather I rejoice in it. The crops keep me busy from early spring to late fall. If there comes a lull for a few days or weeks, then rocks can be dug, wall be laid, bushes and weeds be cut, or the whole farm, particularly about the home, be brightened up; made as neat, pretty, cosy, comfortable as my strength and time will allow.

It is not a hardship to me to hoe corn all day in June or chop wood all day in February. I love to work. I love to lay plans and then see them grow to fulfilment under my labor. I love to look at a large pile of corn, and think that I wrung it from the soil with my own labor. I love to put powder in rocks and see them fly, or even toilsomely dig them out. I love to brighten up the premises, to put up neat, comfortable out-houses, to paint them, to straighten crooked walls, to clean away rubbish, to trim up trees, to keep down unsightly weeds.

Another bright side to my farming is, that we live within ourselves. The little farm produces hay, oats, corn, potatoes, apples, popcorn, beans, butternuts, eggs, poultry, meat, milk, cream, butter, all garden products, strawberries, raspberries, currants, gooseberries, maple sugar, apple jelly. That's a course fit for a king. As much variety as a king. Not high living, but plain, wholesome, appetizing food. Very little need we



buy to make the course complete. Money is not needed for this bill of fare. It comes from labor. I could live a whole year, if need be, without a cent in my pocket.

And what is my reward for my toil? Solomon says, "It is good and comely for one to eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him; for it is his portion." 1. Good appetite. Seldom do I sit down to table without one. 2. Sound sleep. I have been a teacher and have lain awake whole nights worrying over my charge. I have had my brain boil like a pot, and sleep flee from me. Only those who have tasted the horrors of insomnia, know the preciousness of a sleep of total oblivion. 3. Health and strength. No occupation can equal farming for these, provided overwork and overexposure are avoided. Horny hands make good-colored cheeks; coarse boots make strong limbs and feet; hoeing, mowing, cradling, plowing, make strong arms and well-developed chests.

Then I have my recreations. These must come in to help the bright side. I do not love to hunt or fish. Not built that way. I love to write, to gather history, to arrange records. I am secretary of three organizations and the amount of pen work required is large. The greater part comes in the winter. I take a whole month's vacation here. Now, if I did not love this work it would be most burdensome; on the contrary I enjoy it. Then I read a dozen papers. I know what all the great men of the world are doing and saying. I am a companion of statesmen, philosophers, authors, presidents, governors. I talk with them every day. I joy over every triumph of order, justice and good sense; I grieve over moral declension, slavish subjection to bosses, crooked ways, the ravages of rum, the slowness of reform, and the false gods of success and popularity.

Lastly, I brighten farming by pictures real and ideal of happy farm scenes. The old farm house, the church near by, the men in the hay field, the reapers. These I hang up. Every time I see them they make me contented with my lot. They are pictures of real, honest, social, sympathetic life, unvexed by ambition, undisturbed by longings for fashionable, gay, dissipated, unrestful life, which if punctured, is found to be hollow. And

when I'm at work on the hill, as the noon-tide hour approaches ; and I cast my eyes down to our little home, see the smoke curling from the chimney, remember the pleasures, the society of dear ones for whom I love to labor, the wife getting a good dinner for me ; is there a prettier picture, a purer enjoyment ?



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as a teacher in the school  
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Machine School. In the  
Spring of 1922, I was there.

I was in the  
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